Jerry’s Predictions for 2012

Politics:

1. Ellie (Humpti) Dumbi will be cited for falling off a one-foot Park Block wall designed for serial sitting. Rob Handy will be cited by officer Judd Warden, scolded above the fold on the front page of the RG - and then later exonerated - for discussing sitting there.
2. Officer Warden will be invited to visit China.
3. Landscape architect, Lloyd Bond, will come back from the dead to explain that yes, he had designed the park block walls for sitting and the trees for giving shelter, solace, shadows and shade.
4. Eugene city government will continue its strategic distribution into all the new center city buildings as a way of strengthening pedestrian movement downtown.
5. Mayor Kitty will leave all her challengers behind buried in her litter box.
6. The Butterfly parking garage will be finally pinned to a board, and a new Farmer’s Market will emerge from its chrysalis.
7. We will celebrate the 151st birthday of the Statue of Liberty by blowing Joshua’s horn at all the highest walls to immigration.
8. Corporations will be drafted, paid soldier’s wages, and all sent to the Middle East.
9. Sara Palin will misread, misunderstand, and misestimate the history of the Progressive Era, form the Mama Moose Party, and cinch the reelection of Barak Obama.
10. Climate change will cause increasingly severe political weather across the nation. Droughts of ignorance will continue to burden Texas and intolerably high winds of nastiness will buffet the nation’s capitol.

Financial:

1. Banks will initiate a new withdrawal fee for leaving a bank.
2. Paul Krugman will win a Pulitzer for his New York Times columns on the economics of The Great Recession, and the folly of austerity and reduced spending during a depression will be returned to the Hoover Museum.
3. Tea Party members will unite with Occupy Wall Streeters to once again drive the moneychangers from the temple. The word “usury” will once again become popular in spelling bees.
4. Those who grew and over-gilded this new Gilded Age will themselves be declared redundant and suffocated by gilding in their own gold. (cf. Goldfinger)
5. The lost goose that laid the golden egg will be returned to the middle class.
6. Greece will declare that its love of the Euro Zone is merely Platonic.

Philosophical:

1. Three more people will understand Chet Bowers’ concept of the closing and monetizing of the Cultural Commons. Meanwhile, the portion of each TV hour devoted to commercials will increase to 40 minutes.
2. The Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution will continue to appear sous rature, especially at airports. Stores proffering “adult materials” will be renamed Junk Shops.

Landscape:

1. An enduring high tragedy of the Bush 41 landscape will be named Anita Hill.

Ecology:

1. Personhood and voting rights will be extended to fish, who will be asked to weigh in on the removal of NW dams. Judges Redden and Hogan will be asked to monitor and count their vote.
2. The electromagnetic field effect of a passing asteroid will cause a new dawn of awareness that Planned Parenthood is a good idea.