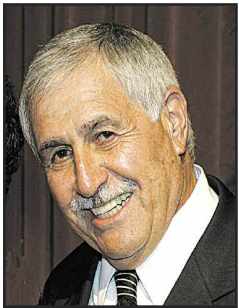


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I just had my driver's license renewed. If you haven't done this in a while, be prepared!

The people working at the license bureau are nice as can be, but unless you can prove that you legitimately belong here, fuggedabout it. President Obama probably would have a tough time. I had my old license, passport, car registration, pay stub, Medicare card, copy of original Social Security Card, VA identification card, town issued badge and a host of credit cards, but they still had to get a manager's approval to let me pass.

I did finally get my new driver's license, and my picture is great, by the way. It expires in 2020. Most people would just put it in their wallet and go about their business, but not Ernestrodamus. I had to begin thinking about what life will be like when I next renew. If all that has happened over the past 10 years is extrapolated out to the year 2020, here is what you can expect:

No more traffic and expressways! We laughed at Dick Tracy's wristwatch radio didn't we? We also laughed at "Beam me up Scotty" on *Star Trek*. Scientists actually have begun moving matter from one place to another although in very small mass. How far are we from standing in a cylinder and pushing the button to transport us to work or to visit a relative?

Coming soon! I will miss watching all those ladies putting on makeup while talking on their cell phones on the Palmetto Expressway each morning. I guess

I will just have to get used to that.

The Post Office is about ready to close up. No one mails letters anymore. Well the same thing will be happening to email. My wife already is able to know everything that is in my mind and what I am about to say. She even is able to finish sentences for me. If she can do it, why can't everybody? Just a little practice, that's all.

Schools, a major problem in this country, no longer will be necessary. Here is why.

When you are expecting the birth of a child, you will be able to predetermine what career you would like for that child. Then, right after birth, a small chip will be implanted into the baby's cerebellum with all that they will need to know in life. Why bother relearning what others already have learned before you? Updates will of course be available from Google as well as additional apps if you need to change careers.

We already know that libraries and books are no longer necessary. They too can be replaced by microchips. Why read something if it has already been read by someone else?

Television as we know it will become obsolete. The TV waves are already all around us. All we need to figure out is how to implant a receiver in your head to pick them up and you will be able to watch TV mentally (as I did as a child).

Food and supermarkets soon will be-

come obsolete as well. I looked at my multi-vitamin pill the other day and it seems to contain everything I need to sustain life. All they need to add is some flavoring and an element to make you feel full. This also would solve our nationwide obesity problem. Imagine the first vendor who supplies a multi-vitamin "Stone Crab and Key Lime Pie" pill. Send me a 90-day supply!

With all this progress, I may not even need to renew my license in 2020. Of course, by then they may require a strip search as well as 40 pieces of identification. Please cut this article out and store it away. It will be fun to see how many of Ernestrodamus' predictions actually come true.

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