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**December 29, 2008 - *Jak se maj!!! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!!! I hope everyone had a great Christmas and it continues right through to a great New Year! Nothing like Christmas to bring out the little kid in you... and to remind you that you are indeed NOT a little kid anyone and are pretty much just old... That's cool too!***

***Had a pretty typical Christmas at the Nelsons. On the 'Eve I spent a fair amount of time cooking and getting ready. That evening we headed to the big town for Mass and celebrations with the in-laws. Nice time despite the nasty weather... Christmas day I received an early gift... More snow blowing and shoveling... Headed out to our little church in the country for Mass again and then on to Big Sis's for the Nelson clan gathering. Had a good time there with GREAT food and a really good time with the gift exchange. Nothing like stealing presents on Christmas Day! Stopped at the mother-in-law's that evening and the day was done...***

***Gifts? Got a cool fishing plaque with antique lures and a big bottle of ready-made White Russians... A book from Santa... Also "stole" a cool set of Guinness mugs... Pretty good haul for me... Thanks everyone!!! Pretty sure the wife and kids made out well... Hope they enjoyed everything...***

***Met up with Skipper and Tommy last week for a few libations. Pretty tame considering the crowd, but everyone had a busy schedule so we were all happy just to get to see each other and have a few beers. Hope they had a great Christmas too!!!***

***As is usually the case with the holidays, a lot of the time off is spent watching sports...***

***Denville roundballers took one on the chin last Monday... We celebrated Big Sis's birthday and then hit the game in Denville... Good game to watch but the local heroes dropped a close one to the boys from Marinetta. Definitely one they "could" or maybe even "should" have won, but that's how it goes. They return to the court tomorrow when they travel way the heck out to Waupaca... Hope the weather is good for that one!***

***Football... Not sure where to start here, but might as well start with the most painful... The Badgers got rocked in Florida... Painfully beaten into submission by a better Florida team and some lousy reffing. Don't get me wrong... I don't think in anyway could the Badgers have pulled out a victory in the game, but some VERY poor calls against the Badgers made the game into a route... The "roughing" the punter call in which the punter was NEVER EVEN TOUCHED capped off a really disappointing day. But I stood by the Badgers and watched the whole thing... Ouch... Maybe next year???***

***On to the Packers... The Monday night debacle was not a good time... Missed the first half as we were at the Denville ballgame, but caught the 2nd half out at Zumbo's. Enjoyed watching***

*with Al-Bare-t Bush, who was clearly embarrassed by the awful showing the Bares had, right up until they won the game... The Packers are awful... But luckily, they showed yesterday that they are not as awful as the Liuns... Not that the Packers didn't try to give the game away, but the Liuns just wanted the loss and the distinction of 0-16 more. Heard this morning the Liun coach was fired... SURPRISE!!! Now let's hope there's a little house cleaning in Green Bay too...*

*On a high note, Brettie and the Jetts, the Patsies, the Bares, and the Cowgirls all got knocked out of the playoffs... on a very sad AND disturbing note, the ViQueens will represent the NFC North in the playoffs... Ouch...*

*Got an email from Captain Chuck, currently stationed on the USS-Teddy somewhere in the Mideast... Quite a rant on phony Packer and Badger fans... I thoroughly enjoyed it! Not sure if it was written on board or somewhere "on-shore" (ie. Bar), but it's a well written diatribe on sticking with your teams through thick and thin that I completely agree with! Nothing worse than fair weather fans! His take on the whole Favre/Jets thing was dead on... Well done Captain! Take care out there and keep up the great work!!!*

*Badger hockey team took the Badger Showdown last night winning a shootout 1-0 over LSSU... Funny thing, but I'm still ticked off at LSSU for stealing the NCAA Championship from the Badgers in the early 90's... Glad they won... Nice that it was on TV and got a chance to watch the whole thing...*

*Spent some time over the weekend cleaning guns and packing away hunting stuff... Not sure if my hunting season is over or not. At my new place of employment we are not observing President or MLK Day, which has been traditional bunny hunting days for me, so not sure if I'll get out of not... Sure hope to though...*

*From a libation standpoint I behaved pretty well thus far through the holiday season... Let's see what's on the schedule and if I can keep it up...*

*29 Rasputin assassinated (1916). He drank enough cyanide-spiked wine to kill six men, partied until the wee hours, then finally succumbed after being shot three times and drowned in a freezing river. **Fortified wine.***

*30 Miracle Day. Order a Pousse Cafe in a sports bar. **Pousse Cafe.***

*31 Guinness Brewery was founded (1759). There are 20 different variations of Guinness worldwide. **Guinness by the gallon.***

*1 National Day of Resolutions. Can't break 'em unless you make 'em. **Bloody Mary.***

*2 Drinking Straw patented (1888). Fact: You get drunk faster if you drink through a straw. **Mind Eraser.***

*3 Sergio Leone's Birthday (1929). Perfect day for a spaghetti western boozefest. **Italian vino.***

*4 Electric blender invented (1910). AKA Annoy the Bartender Day. **Blender drinks.***

*Hmmm... Looks pretty well thought out... I have Guinness mugs to break in on New Year's Eve and Bloody Mary's on the 1st is PERFECT!!! I'll let you know next week how it all worked out...*

*Very disappointed that I have NO further submissions to the BBC newsletter... It might be only a two pager this year if I get this kind of cooperation from the membership... I'll keep at them... :-)*

**On the schedule this week? The AG and FM Jr. celebrate turning the big 1-8 this week! Happy birthday "men"!!! There's the likely New Years Day hangover along with tree hopping with the in-laws... Saturday the Nelson tree hopping... and I think that's it... Oh yeah... Work too... Oh well...**

**Not much else going on... Had a great Christmas and hope to have a great New Year... I wish everyone else the same!!!**

**That's all I have, but before I go, some words of wisdom for our junior membership... A year end special... Multiple quotes... There will be a quiz...**

**"Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to." ~ Bill Vaughn**

**"An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves." ~ Bill Vaughn**

**"The proper behavior all through the holiday season is to be drunk. This drunkenness culminates on New Year's Eve, when you get so drunk you kiss the person you're married to." ~ P.J. O'Rourke**

**"Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average. Which means you've met your New Year's resolution." ~ Jay Leno**

**"A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other." ~ Anonymous**

**"It wouldn't be New Year's if I didn't have regrets." ~ William Thomas**

**"New Year's Resolution: To tolerate fools more gladly, provided this does not encourage them to take up more of my time." ~ James Agate**

**I really like the last one... Happy New Year everyone!!!**

**As Red would say, "Keep your stick on the ice!"...**

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**December 22, 2008 - Jak se maj!!! Howdy folks and Happy Chanukah! The Jewish folks began their celebration their festival of lights. Kind of a neat holiday commemorating the faith and strength of the Jewish people. As Christian and Muslim faiths trace their heritage back through the Jews to Abraham, I find it quite acceptable to join in. In fact, my beautiful bride takes it to new lengths... Instead of gifts for each day of Chanukah, she buys herself something every day!!! LOL...**

**Cold again today... and yesterday... and the day before... More snow tomorrow... Thank goodness winter just started... Yesterday is was so freaken cold and windy my snow blower froze up... IT'S MEANT TO WORK IN THE WINTER!!! WHY DOES IT FREEZE UP?!?!? There... Now I feel better... Might have to look into upgrading it next year...**

**Spent a couple days in Philly last week for work. The trip out was uneventful and the actual work went OK. In fact, we got out of the office early and headed to the airport to try to catch an earlier flight. That's where it started to get ugly... First of all, the Philly airport is a pit... One of the worse airports I've ever been to... Then, ALL three flights that would have gotten us out early were full and already had a long list for standby. So, we waited 4 hours for our actual**

**flight. Surprisingly, it left on time. However, when we got to Detroit, we found our connection to Green Bay delayed by 2 hours... It ended up being three hours... I got home after 2am... At least it wasn't snowing yet when we got home... Not a fun trip...**

**Had our work Christmas Party at Vinny's place on Friday night. Fun time, good drinks, and GREAT food! Timsan got a hold of some prime rib and it was by far the best I've ever had. The only bad part was the nasty weather meant an early night... I work with a REALLY great crew though so even though it was short it was a great time.**

**Good sports week past and hopefully a good sports week coming... The Denville round ballers logged a couple wins last week so perhaps they'll be OK after all. I don't think we have to worry about them getting to Madison in March, but they should be competitive, which is good... One game this week, tonight against Marinettia in Denville. Packers play tonight at the Bares... I HOPE HOPE HOPE they play well and not crush our hopes again... Badgers play Saturday in Florida in the Champs Bowl. I'll watch, but I don't have A LOT of hope...**

**Busy night tonight... Like I mentioned, Denville roundballers play, the Pack plays, and it's my eldest sister's BIRTHDAY TODAY!!! Happy Birthday CHAR!!! If you see her, wish her a happy 39th today!!! As is the tradition, we'll go out for her birthday, then we'll hit the roundball game and finish up catching what is left of the Packer game... BUSY NIGHT!!! Thanks to Char though for accommodating the crazy schedule. She really loves her birthday, so it's probably a bit less of a celebration than she'd like, to eat Suster's and then watch sports, but we'll make that up to her!!!**

**My buddy Skipper is in town for the holidays... He called yesterday while I was out trying to thaw my snow blower... He says, "What you doing Tuesday night? Gotta work the next day?"... Oh boy, you know what that means... Should be a blast!!!**

**With Christmas imminent, it's definitely a "cooking" week... By far the BIGGEST item on the menu: SHRIMP! Can't have a Nelson Christmas anymore without boiled shrimp cooked to Ma Nelson's specifications. That's always a real treat! On top of that is various stuff to get done. Definitely going to throw together some more of my salmon spread. That seems to go over pretty well too... Can't wait... The whole "commercial" part of the season is almost past us and now it's on to the celebration and enjoyable part of the the season. Don't forget WHY we're celebrating...**

**Here's a little quiz for the junior members... Get out your calculators...**

**WHO IS YOUR ROLE MODEL???**

**Try it without looking at the answers.....**

- 1) Pick your favorite number between 1-9**
- 2) Multiply by 3 then**
- 3) Add 3, then again Multiply by 3 (I'll wait while you get the calculator....)**
- 4) You'll get a 2 or 3 digit number....**
- 5) Add the digits together**

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**Now with that number see who your ROLE MODEL is from the list below:**

- 1. Einstein**
- 2. Nelson Mandela**
- 3. Abraham Lincoln**
- 4. Helen Keller**
- 5. Bill Gates**
- 6. Gandhi**
- 7. George Clooney**
- 8. Thomas Edison**
- 9. Bob (The President)**
- 10. Eleanor Roosevelt**

**Duh... Makes perfect sense to me... He's EVERYONE'S role model...**

**Now that you know who you follow, let's see what's on this week's schedule...**

**22 Willpower Day. Test yours at the bar. *Well tequila.***

**23 Van Gogh cut off his ear (1888). He ran out of absinthe, so he got into the turpentine and next thing you know . . . *Van Gogh Vodka.***

**24 National Eggnog Day. Nog is an Old English word for ale, an original ingredient. *Bottle of scotch, then eggs for breakfast.***

**25 Shane MacGowan's Birthday (1957). Whenever I need a light inside me, I walk into a pub and drink 15 pints of beer. *Fifteen pints of beer.***

**26 Henry Miller's Birthday (1891). Ah yes, yes, once in a while indulge...spree and pee...a look at the girls and a brawl...not too bloody...ring around the rosie...you know...shake the bugs out of the rug. *MGD.***

**27 National Fruitcake Day. Fruitcakes survive so long because of the high alcohol content. *Fruit-flavored vodka.***

**28 Bairns' Day. Considered the unluckiest day of the year. *Lucky Lager.***

**Wow! What an excellent week! We start off with tequila, a little absinthe replacement, scotch and eggs, and 15 pints of beer for Christmas... Finish the week with MGD, lime vodka (who doesn't**

have that ion their liquor cabinet) and finally Lucky Lager. Is Lucky Lager an actual brand or just your most favorite and lucky brew? Go either way!!!

My 24 year old weatherman is home safe from college... Now it seems he's on a pub crawl, but hey, what else is there to do? Actually, he's working on a weather themed web site to go along with his life's passion. Trying to help him out with it and I'll be sure to get a link posted here when he gets it up and running... With all the crap weather we've had, he shouldn't have any lack of material...

BBC newsletter submission deadline has passed. A somewhat disappointing but not unexpected result. Thanks go out to those (3) who submitted... Angry wails of disappointment to the rest!!! Nah... Just kidding... It'll all come together somehow... it always does... But it "would" be nice to be able to get some of the work done over the holidays while I have some extra time... We'll see...

Wrapping things up, I'd like to wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas!** Try to get all the "stuff" that needs to get done for the holiday behind you and really take some time to appreciate what it's all about and enjoy the time and your family and friends...

Well, that's it... As always, before I go, some words of wisdom for our junior membership...

**"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son." ~ Luke 2:6-7**

The reason for the season... **Merry Christmas!**

As Red would say, "Keep your stick on the ice!"...

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December 15, 2008 - Jak se maj!!! Morning every one... Boy is it COLD out today! Just a little drop in temp (40 degrees) and high winds... So windy on the highway this morning trucks were going about 30 mph because I think they were worried about tipping over. THAT'S UGLY! But it's Wisconsin, so wait a few hours and it'll change...

Feeling a little under the weather this morning... Not sure if it had to do with last night or if that bug that's going around caught up with me... I hope its last night, but I have a feeling it is not...

"Last night?" you ask? Well it was our annual Christmas caroling expedition. As always, it was a great time, but I'll admit it was a little calmer this year as we had a smaller group, less "young adults", and less cherry libations. We made the trip out to Wayside and rural Denmark and then hit all the usual spots in Metro Denville. Then we ended up at the Mayor's place for Suster's chicken. With the threat of crappy weather we called it kinda early, but I think we did a good job overall... Can't wait until next year!

Side note... The SEC-Transportation and his beautiful (and pregnant) bride were among the carolers... She is definitely showing but looking great... I'm quite sure it's a boy based on her disposition and that fact that Thompson's only sire boys... But, PERHAPS there are two in there... Just another rumor I thought I'd start...

Perhaps another contributing factor to the subdued nature of the caroling expedition was the rotten football game earlier in the afternoon... What has happened here?!?! I'm sure there are

*many factors involved, but to go from an overtime loss in the NFC Championship game to 5-9 really bites. But it happens all the time, doesn't it? The loser of the championship game does tend to have a "hangover" the following year... I just hope they sleep it off in the off season and get back to their winning ways next year... But they do have one more thing they MUST accomplish... BEAT THE LIUNS!!!*

*Did I mention its cold today? Cripes, it's even cold here in the office... Youch!*

*Speaking of work, I was down in Chicago last week on a project to move a data center from there to Philly in February. I head to Philly this week, so work is keeping me busy, which is good. With the economy the way it is, we're lucky to have the work we do, so there's no complaining going on. In fact, it's awesome!!! Nothing like a great place to work, great co-workers, great management, AND daily foosball!!! I hope things keep going in a positive direction...*

*This Friday we're having our Christmas party at Vinny's place. I think that perhaps when the business gets a little more solid and we have better cash flow we'll do something a little more extravagant, but for now this is perfect... Actually, knowing this bunch, maybe we'll always do it this way... You never know... Hopefully soon we'll be too big to fit in Vinny's house, and that would be a great problem!!!*

*Here's a little Christmas cheer from the Jack/Ass team...*

Dear Santa,

Please send me a baby brother.



Santa wrote back:

"Send me your mother..."

*The Denville B-Ballers got their first win last week over the Deep-Here team from the FAR side of the river... Good to see them get a win as I was a little worried after the first two games. They played well though and either there's hope they will be competitive... OR, the W-Deep-Here team is REALLY bad... Hard to say... The Chief got his first start in his varsity career, so he was pretty fired up about that, but he still has a lot of work to do... They have a couple games this*

week, so I hope they do well...

**Christmas is almost here, so let's check out the schedule for this week!**

**15 Walt Disney's head cryogenically frozen (1966). Here's to hoping he reanimates in time to kick Eisner's ass. *Frozen Daiquiri.***

**16 Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party (1773). They tossed the tea and stole the rum. *Long Island Iced Tea.***

**17 Wright Brothers take the 1st airplane flight at Kitty Hawk (1903). Soar like a drunken eagle. *Grey Goose Vodka.***

**18 Feast of Our Lady of Solitude (Mexico). Buy the barlot at the end of the bar a drink. *Blue Moon Belgium White.***

**19 Underdog Day. Challenge the fattest bastard in the bar to a drinking contest. *Salty Dog.***

**20 National Sangria Day. Introduced to the U.S. at the 1964 World's Fair. *Sangria.***

**21 Jack Daniels' Birthday (1850). Started distilling 13 years later. *Gentleman Jack.***

**Hmmm... A bit of a boring week if I may say... Not too often there's no Tequila on the menu... Maybe I'll just go with Long Islands all week...**

**I didn't muster up the nerve to go visit The President this weekend. Sometimes you just need the proper disposition to make that trip, and I don't know if it was the weather or what, but I just wasn't up to the task. I am assuming he acquired no venison, but word is that he has removed the old cabinets from the cabin on A. Can you imagine NEW cabinets there? I hope he took some pictures so we can show the before and after...**

**I am hoping to begin receipt of BBC newsletter articles this week... The deadline for submission is this Friday at midnight... But due to the Christmas party, I may extend it to Saturday... That way I may be home at midnight...**

**Well, that's all I have... things to do and people to see, so that's it... But as always, before I go, some words of wisdom for our junior membership..**

**"The Supreme Court has ruled that they cannot have a nativity scene in Washington, D.C. This wasn't for any religious reasons. They couldn't find three wise men and a virgin." ~ Jay Leno**

**That's funny... Kinda true too...**

**As Red would say, "Keep your stick on the ice!"...**

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**December 8, 2008 - Jak se maj!!! Howdy folks! Welcome to winter... At least in Denmark... Easily a foot of snow on the ground here and MORE on the way. I'll have to check with the Weather-man-to-be, but they are calling for another 8 inches today and tomorrow. I'm still enjoying it though. Nothing like getting up early to play with the old snow blower. I even got up early today to deal with the fluffy stuff we got last night. So as long as the blower keeps working and the banks don't get too high, I'll keep having fun...**



*I think I got up early to blow off a little steam after yesterday's debacle at Lambeau... What in the world has happened to the Pack? Luckily after the Texan's first touchdown I realized the game was over, so I wasn't too disappointed. Even after they tied it up and were close to getting into scoring position at the end, I knew they were doomed... I was right... They have that script down pretty well. It wouldn't be so bad except the fact that the ViQueens or the Bares will win the division. Ouch...*

*Other sporting news... Badger football goes to another Florida bowl... Yawn... Very undeserved... Badger hockey is waking up with a sweep up in Alaska... Denville roundballers are 0-2, getting smashed in Seymour last week. But, I saw a glimmer of hope there so maybe they can put together a decent season yet... The Chief is getting some time and playing OK, so I'll keep up with them... Two games this week, IF the snow holds off...*

*On the hunting scene, The President was scheduled to head north last weekend for a little black powder hunting. No word from him on his success, which probably means a lack of it... I'll track him down this week and get the scoop... Based on the preliminary harvest numbers from the DNR, which show pretty much a 20% "decrease" this year despite excellent conditions, I'm guessing we're not going to have any venison...*

*Last week I forgot the big news at the Nelson abode... The gun cabinet is COMPLETE! Got 'er finished the day before heading to deer camp and it looks pretty nice... Here's a couple low res pics, but feel free to stop over and see it sometime!*



*So, what's on this week's schedule? Pretty much dried out from Deer Camp so I'm ready to start prepping for the holidays!*

**8 Sammy Davis Jr.'s Birthday (1925). The day they stop making fun of you is the day they don't give a damn about you.**

**Sammy Davis Jr.**

**1 1/2 oz Stoli Vanilla**

**Chilled espresso**

**Shake with ice and serve with a twist of lemon.**

**9 Redd Foxx's Birthday(1922). Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals, dying of nothing. **Ripple.****

**10 Nobel Prize Awards Day. Drink away your disappointment.**

**Mad Scientist**

**1 1/3 oz blueberry schnapps**

**1 1/3 oz raspberry schnapps**

**1/4 oz Bailey's Irish Cream**

**1/4 oz grenadine**

**Mix the schnapps in a shot glass, slowly top with grenadine. Dribble a small amount of Bailey's on top.**

**11 Jerry Lee Lewis secretly married his 13-year-old third cousin Myra Gale Brown. When Jerry breaks the rules, he breaks all the rules.**

**Great Balls of Fire**  
**2 oz Goldschlager**  
**1/2 oz Hotdamn 100 Proof**  
**1/2 oz Aftershock**  
**Mix and shoot.**

**12 Frank Sinatra's Birthday (1915). I'm for anything that gets you through the night be it prayer, tranquilizers or a bottle of Jack Daniels. **Jack rocks.****

**13 St. Lucy's Day. Patron saint of writers, people with eye trouble and lamplighters. **Drink yourself blind and in the morning you shall be magically healed.****

**14 The Shot Heard Around the World is fired in an exchange between American Revolutionaries and British soldiers. Celebrate with the #1 shot drank around world. **Jagermeister.****

**Jaggy-Bombs away!!!**

**Well, Christmas time is fast approaching. I am well on my way and significantly ahead on shopping thanks to the old internet. I wonder if Santa uses the internet to help supplement what the elves can't get done? Our annual caroling has been scheduled and that's always a highlight of the season. Christmas Day is on a Thursday this year as well, so we're probably looking at a very long weekend to boot. How awesome is that? Now as long as we're not under 3 feet of snow, it should be a good holiday!**

**This is kinda funny...**

## **On the Twelve Days of Christmas, My True Love Gave to Me**

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**December 14, 2003**

**Dearest Dave,**

**I went to the door today, and the postman delivered a partridge in a pear tree. This was a delightful gift! I couldn't have been more surprised or pleased darling!**

**With truly the deepest love,  
Agnes**

**December 15, 2003**

**Dearest Dave,**

**Today the postman brought me yet another of your sweet gifts. The two turtule doves that arrived today are adorable, and I'm delighted by your thoughtful and generous ways.**

**With all of my love,  
Your Agnes**

**December 16, 2003**

**Dearest Dave,**

***You've truly been too kind! I must protest; I don't deserve such generosity. The thought of getting three French hens amazes me. Yet, I am not surprised--what more should I expect from such a nice person.***

**Love,  
Agnes**

**December 17, 2003**

**Dear Dave,**

***Four calling birds arrived in the mail today. They are truly nice but don't you think that enough is enough? You are being too romantic.***

**Affectionately,  
Agnes**

**December 18, 2003**

**Dearest darling Dave,**

***It was a surprise to get five golden rings! I now have one for every finger. You truly are impossible darling, yet oh how I love it! Quite frankly, all of those squarking birds from the previous days were starting to get on my nerves. Yet, you managed to come through with a beautiful valuable gift!***

**All my love,  
Agnes**

**December 19, 2003**

**Dear Dave,**

***When I opened my door, there were actually six geese a-laying on my front steps. So you're back to the birds again, huh? Those geese are dear, but where will I keep them? The neighbors are complaining, and I am unable to sleep with all the racket. Please stop dear.***

**Cordially,  
Agnes**

**December 20, 2003**

**Dave,**

***What is with you and those stupid birds!? Seven swans a-swimming!! What kind of sick joke is this!?!? There are bird droppings everywhere! They never shut up, and I don't get any sleep!!! I'm a nervous wreck! It's not funny you weirdo, so stop with the birds.***

**Sincerely,  
Agnes**

**December 21, 2003**

**O.K. wise guy,**

**The birds were bad enough. Now what do you expect me to do with eight maids a-milking? If that's not bad enough, they had to bring their cows!! The front lawn was completely ruined by them, and I can't move in my own house! Just lay off me or you'll be sorry!**

**Agnes**

**December 22, 2003**

**Hey loser,**

**What are you? You must be some kind of sadist!! Now there are nine pipers playing, and they certainly do play! They haven't stopped chasing those maids since they got here! The cows are getting upset, and they're stepping all over those screeching birds. The neighbors are getting up a petition to evict me, and I'm going out of my mind!**

**You'll get yours!**

**Agnes**

**December 23, 2003**

**You rotten scum!!!**

**There are now ten ladies dancing! There is only one problem with that! They're dancing twenty-four hours a day all around me with the pipers upsetting the cows and the maids. The cows can't sleep, and they are going to the bathroom everywhere! The building commissioner has subpoenaed me to give cause as to why the house shouldn't be condemned! I can't even think of a reason! You creep! I'm sicking the police on you!**

**One who means it!**

**December 24, 2003**

**Listen you evil, sadistic, maniac!**

**What's with the eleven lords-a-leaping?!? They are leaping across the rooms breaking everything and even injuring some of the maids! The place smells, is an absolute mad house, and is about to be condemned! At least the birds are quiet; they were trampled to death by the cows. I hope you are satisfied--you rotten vicious worthless piece of garbage!**

**Your sworn enemy,**

**Agnes**

**December 25, 2003**

**The Law Offices of  
Badger, Rees, and Yorker  
20 Knave Street**

**Chicago, Illinois**

**Dear sir,**

**This is to acknowledge your latest gift of twelve fiddlers-fiddling which you have seen fit to inflict on our client, one Agnes Mcholstein. The destruction of course was total. If you attempt to reach Ms. Mcholstein at Happy Daze Sanatarium, the attendants have instructions to shoot you on site.**

**Please direct all correspondence to this office in the future. With this letter, please find attached a warrant for your arrest.**

**Cordially,  
Badger, Rees, and Yorke**

**Dave's a funny guy...**

**Missed birthday wishes to Zumbo's eldest daughter last week. Happy birthday to Denver's finest! Hope you had a great day Laura!!!**

**Things are kinda quiet and it certainly shows in the extremely tame update... Hope for better next week...**

**Before I go, some words of wisdom for our junior membership...**

**"Anyone who believes that men are the equal of women has never seen a man trying to wrap a Christmas present." ~ Anonymous**

**Very true... I'm pretty sure my beautiful bride has me wrap stuff every year just for the laughs.,...**

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**December 1, 2008 - Jak se maj!!! Welcome back everyone! It's been an amazingly long 2 weeks. Seems like 2 months, but in a very good way! Back to work today and that even seems kinda nice. Nothing like a nice long vacation to get the motor re-started! I hope it lasts!!!**

**What's news? Deer Hunt 2008 is the headline... like I tell everyone when they ask how I did, "I had a great time!" Started off on Wednesday before Deer Camp cooking, which is always fun. Thursday was packing and heading north and opening camp. Thursday's meal at the Nimrod was as special as ever... Friday was a blur and Saturday was VERY VERY cold! Minus 4 at camp! That's the coldest we could remember since the early 80's... Sunday was good... Monday's pork chop feast definitely was better than the Monday night football... Tuesday headed home... What a GREAT 5 days!**

**The hunt? Well, that wasn't so good... I saw 2 deer opening day and Matt saw one (probably one of the same ones I saw). In the brush so I don't even know what they were... That was it for the entire time up north... Back home wasn't much better... Less and less places to hunt back home and far less deer than ever. The SEC-W/M and HSS saw and missed does on Thanksgiving... I didn't see ANYTHING until Saturday when The President saw 4 that I pushed out a small woods... That's it... Pretty pathetic... That seems to be the story from all over, which is sad. Hopefully next year there will be no Earn-A-Buck around home and they recover some.**

**The Jack/Ass team from up the road scored again on opening day with a really nice 7 pointer.**

*Of course we couldn't match it, so 2009 will AGAIN see the Darwin Trophy head to The Lodge... Bitter Medicine...*

*But you know what, with all the good and the bad, it was STILL a blast! I can't wait for next year!*

*Thanksgiving was great as usual. Got to spend some time with Uncle Lloyd on Wednesday making Ma Nelson's famous dressing. That's always a good time... I was a little tired on Thanksgiving morning, but got the dressing done and had an absolutely fabulous dinner at the VFW. The Nelsons hosted this year and as always it was great to see everyone. I just wish a guy wouldn't feel so lousy after eating so much. Maybe someday I will learn... Doubt it...*

*Had a nice birthday celebration Wednesday before the holiday. The extended Nelson family headed to Timsan's, a local Japanese Steakhouse, and celebrated. The food was really really good, but the extended cocktail hour definitely contributed to the "tiredness" on Thursday AM. Our little family also went out on Friday night to celebrate my beautiful bride's birthday. Hard to believe she's that old... She doesn't look it at all if you ask me... Soon she can introduce me as her father and get away with it... Sick... Went to the Out of Town Club and had another great meal and nice time. Really a good eating couple of weeks!*

*Speaking of birthdays, I might as well get them all out there... My eldest and the SEC-State's youngest, Alicia, celebrated two Saturdays' ago... Along with my beautiful bride, that makes for 3 "HAPPY BIRTHDAYS"!!!!*

*Not a great couple of weeks sports wise... The BADgers barely pulled out an overtime win on opening day... The Packers... Well, the Packers suck... Routed by the Saints and beaten yesterday... Playoffs out of the question now, not that they deserve it... The Denville Round-Ballers kicked off Saturday night and got their butts kicked... Might be a long season for them too... Well, the only bright spot I could find was the Badger Hockey team swept the Holiday Classic for the first time take games from both Michigan and Michigan State... Maybe their fortunes are changing...*

*How about a little holiday cheer scheduling?*

*1 Festival of Poseidon (Greek). Let the Sea God drown your sorrows. **Sea Breeze.***

*2 St. Bibiana's Day. Patron saint of hangovers. **Bloody Mary.***

*3 Cold War officially ended (1989). The dawn of the New World Disorder. **The spoils of war vodka.***

*4 First Man killed by a bowling ball (1982). Kinda surprised it took so long. **Bowling alley beer.***

*5 Drunkard Liberation Day (1933). National prohibition is repealed in the U.S. **Everything you can get your hands on.***

*6 National Pawnbrokers Day. The launching pad of many an impromptu bender. **As much booze as your guitar speaker will buy.***

*7 Tom Waits Birthday (1949). I'd rather have a bottle in front of me than a frontal lobotomy. **Guinness Stout.***

*Pretty tame but still a solid week... Personally, I find it hard to believe there was Prohibition... Me? I could go for a Bloody Mary right now...*

**Not much else going on except the nasty weather... The eldest drove back to Iowa yesterday and a normal 6 hour drive took him 8 and a half. Didn't sound like it was a lot of fun. The weather in Denville wasn't too fun either. Nasty blowing stuff overnight, but I did get to play with the snow blower this morning, so that was cool. My ride to work was almost double, so that wasn't so cool...**

**Well, it's December, so it's officially the holiday season now too. Not so much my favorite time of the year. Don't get me wrong as I love Christmas... It's the corporatizing of the holiday that really turns me off. So, this year I will try to avoid that as much as possible, get my shopping done early so it's out of the way, and then enjoy it as it should be. We'll see how that works out...**

**I think that's all I have. Oh, there's a lot more I could include, but most of the good stuff will end up in the yearly [Buck's Camp Newsletter](#)! So, off I go, but before I do, some words of wisdom for our junior membership...**

**"We would never learn to be brave and patient, if there were only joy in the world."  
~ Helen Keller**

**That is an absolute fact! Next time you're having a tough time of it, just remember that...**

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