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December 19, 2011 - *Hi all... Jak se maj!*

My lovely bride and I spent Sunday in Beertown with the Weatherman and his sidekick, so you're only getting bullet list update this week...

- *Packers lost... That sucked, but hope it's for the best... But we had a really nice time in Beertown...*
- *New [Weatherman video](#) if you're interested...*
- *Work is busy... No rest for the wicked during the holidays...*
- *I think the wood splitter is "toast"... That sucks...*
- *Good news on the truck... Bad hose is replaced and the heater core flush fixed the heat issue. Toasty warm in there now...*
- *The drink of the **WEEK** is Tom & Jerry's... Make sure you have mix, rum, brandy and nutmeg handy... Enjoy!*
- *Haven't done any Christmas shopping yet, but maybe tonight...*
- *Big sister and Boss Librarian celebrates her birthday this week! If you see her, wish her a happy happy day!*
- *Got a couple "holiday lunches scheduled this week... Should be nice...*
- *The yearly SRC "Sheephead, Foosball, and Beer" holiday bash is this week too.. Can't wait!*

Otherwise, that's it... I'll be back next week with a more regular update, God willing...

From me to all of you...

I wish you a Merry and Bleesed Christmas!

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

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December 11, 2011 - *Jak se maj! Howdy everyone! With you on a fine Sunday evening after another Packers romp! Been a decent weekend and the Packers game certainly capped it nicely... Maybe a bit anti-climactic with a 31-0 lead at half but certainly a nice fun win... Here's to going 3-0 the rest of the way!*

Pretty quiet weekend overall... Worked a bit Saturday and then this morning I hauled a large load of wood from Zumbo's and stacked it "un-split" in the woodshed. Hopefully my splitter either gets fixed or replaced before I need that wood...

The high light of the weekend was young Madison's baptism yesterday. As Amber's God-father I was very honored to be invited and got to attend Mass at St. Mary's followed by little Madison's welcome into the church. We celebrated nearby at one of "The Bar" locations (for the love of me I can't think of the name right now!) and had fine drinks and really fabulous food. Congrats to Madison and her parents, grandparents, family and friends!

Other than work I didn't have a lot going on, but I did get to spend one evening working on the Nelson clan computer issues. I started out a Zumbo's and replaced a dying wireless router and that went pretty well. I think it's still working... Then I headed over to the SEC-Transportation's and got their printer working after they moved to a wireless internet connection. The printer part went well, but I had a heck of a time getting their email client to work with their new email account. I think I have it figured out now, but need to go back over there this week to make sure it works... Also have some other things to fix for them as well as drop off their 'old' computer that's now fixed. Maybe the SEC-Transportation will look at my splitter someday... :-)

Had a chance last Monday to catch one of the Chief's games in Wrongstown. Since our office is pretty close by, I headed over there to see how he's doing. They got waxed as Wrongstown has a pretty good 8th grade team, but I do see progress. He's getting comfortable in his coaching shoes, so I hope he can stick with it and keep improving. Actually, I hope he finds a job, and if he's lucky, he can continue coaching in conjunction... lol!

The only downer I can think of for the week started this morning... As I was unloading wood, I noticed a small drip under the trusty Dodge. then I realized maybe it wasn't so small... Transmission fluid I think... So I unloaded and dropped it off over at the mechanic's. Hopefully it's just a leak going to the radiator, which I've had happen before. I also mentioned that he should try flushing the heater core, cause the heater has been pretty weak starting last winter. Be nice to have that back to its old toasty self.

Other than some very tasty High Life's last night, it's been a pretty quiet libation week. Let's see what's on store for next week!

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.*

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.*

Nothing really catches my eye in that list, but I do see that Friday is National SEC-State Day! If you see him Friday, buy him a Grey Goose!!!

I received an anonymous picture today via text depicting "The World's Most Interesting Man". Despite the commercials stealing the idea, this man is obviously The President. However, since The President turned down the lead role in the commercials, I felt it might be best if I don't share the picture with the world. But trust me... It's INTERESTING!!!

Speaking of The President, I don't believe he's found his tiller, but I did find his C-Clamp for him...



Really not much else going on. Of course, Christmas is right around the corner, so I better get going on some shopping before it's too late and I'm going on the Eve... I don't have much to get, but I'm sure there's a list I'll need to work on once my lovely bride runs out of time and money. Funny how that works...

Probably not going to have any update next week as we're planning on heading down to Beertown for the game on Sunday which I assume will mean we'll be home late and in no mood for an update... Plus, considering the quality of this update, you won't be missing much anyway...

So off I go... But before I do, a few words of wisdom for the junior members...

"He can have a conversation with a blind man in sign language." ~ The World's "Most Interesting Man" Dos Equis Commercial

Actually, I think I've seen The President do that... But that's a "North of 64" story...

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December 04, 2011 - Jak se maj! Hi all! Coming to you on a Sunday evening after a GREAT football weekend! But it's been a busy one, so it'll be a quick update...

Highlight of the weekend? FOOTBALL! The Badger game last night was one for the history books, literally, and the Packer game today came in a nice second. I had the Badgers written off about mid-way through the 3rd quarter only to have them bounce back and take the inaugural Big Ten Championship Game! With that comes a trip, for the second year in a row, to the Rose Bowl! Let's hope this year's outcome is a little better than last years... Quick note about the game... The Spartans were better than I expected them to be and the Badgers are not the great dominant team I thought they were. Basically I think they played pretty much toe to toe and the Badgers barely squeaked out a victory. But I think it just goes to show the Big Ten conference is pretty talented, despite whatever the national pundits have to say...

The Packers had a heart attack type of game tonight, which is what we had become used to the last couple years, but with an 11-0 record, it wasn't quite as "urgent, if you know what I mean. That made it much more enjoyable. But if I was the Gi-Ant's general manger, I would have to consider wholesale house cleaning... Actually Tom Coughlin and Kevin Gilbride would be walked out the door tonight... The Packers could "not" seem to stop the run, so what did the Gi-Ants do? They passed... And those two challenges? Are they idiots? I think a well-coached team would have probably beaten the Packers today. Heck, a small group of monkeys (is a

bunch of monkeys called a "group"?) that could add 1+1 and come up with 2 with ten guesses could have figured it out... But bottom line, we'll take the win and 12-0.

OK, I had to ["Google"](#) it... A group of monkeys is known as a troop or a barrel. Seriously? A "barrel" of monkeys??? OK, I have to go get a beer on that one...

Just cracked the weatherman's last New Castle... Thanks Chris!

This might make the rest of the update more interesting... The weatherman's God-Parents were over for the game and we pretty much went beer/touchdown the whole game... So I'm in a pretty good mood... The weatherman in turn should expect a package of New Castle for Christmas...

Not much else going on really... The President was up north for another long weekend of deer hunting but I have not heard from him. He was supposed to go up with his nephews for the muzzleloader hunt, but he has not returned texts. "Usually" I at least get a response of some nonsensical gibberish, but nothing... So either his cell is off or broken, he spent the weekend reducing Kessler stock, or he's ignoring me... We shall see..

The SEC-Transportation has been out in Minehaha for a week now, and "still" he's having computer issues... Yesterday his lovely bride called and she was having printer problems... Assuming that the Chief Inspector and I, who have been working on some of their issues lately, broke it, I hustled right over. Luckily it was just a weird issue and quickly resolved... and not likely caused by either of us. Anyway, glad to help out and hope the SEC is home soon...

My blonde sister's eldest (and Zumbo's) daughter celebrated another page this past week. Kinda funny cause my calendar popped up the reminder a few days early so I sent best wishes. A few days early I was informed, but I was the first to send congrats! I updated my calendar, but I guarantee nothing next year... Anyway, Happy birthday Laura!

Got some nice feedback from a couple sources on last year's 10th anniversary edition of the [BBC Newsletter](#). The response has been very positive overall, but by far my favorite comment concerning the production has been "...I have to sit back and wonder: are these the men I know? Who would have guessed!". If I had another New Castle, I'd have one on that comment too...

Here's a little something I ran across last week... to be honest, I can't even remember when or where I saw it, but I find it rather important for some reason... Read on...

Bad News Makes Page 1; Good News Is Ignored:

Many major news organizations did not even report that last month the final B53 city-buster nuclear bomb was disassembled. [Here, the Federation of American Scientists has the details.](#) A vestige of the darkest days of the Cold War, the B53 was a nine-megaton death device, the most powerful U.S. weapon ever built. Its blast yield was about 750 times greater than that of the Hiroshima atomic bomb. Horrible as the Hiroshima bomb was, many citizens of Hiroshima survived; the B53 was designed to incinerate an entire large city such as Moscow, leaving no one alive. Once the United States had more than 300 of these monstrosities; now all are gone. The equivalent Russian very large nuclear bombs have been disassembled, too.

Someday when historians look back on our era, they may not pay a huge amount of attention to Lady Gaga or Ryan Seacrest but will be amazed that we paid so little attention to the end of the doomsday threat to civilization. In the mid-1980s, the United States and old Soviet Union each possessed more than 30,000 nuclear

warheads, including hundreds on both sides powerful enough to obliterate large cities. Had an all-out nuclear war occurred, most of humanity would have died, while the survivors might have envied the dead. Today each side has about 2,000 nuclear warheads, and the New Start Treaty, ratified by the Senate in 2010, requires both sides to drop to about 1,500 warheads by 2016.

Once that's finished, America still will have plenty of deterrent power -- 1,500 nuclear bombs is, itself, unimaginable force. And war with the remaining nuclear devices still would be horrific. But 95 percent of the old doomsday arsenal will no longer exist. Yet not only is this not hailed as wonderful news, many don't even seem aware such progress has occurred.

You know, sometimes it boggles the mind to think just how close we may have been to global annihilation, and if you ever Google about near nuclear "mistakes" you'll now, that this is seems to be a pretty significant thing. Yet I at least never saw anything about it in the headline news. Perhaps today's corporate greed is just as big a threat to society, but to think about what this means is big... Kinda sobering, so I'm gonna quit thinking about it...

So what's to drink? Out of New Castle, so let's check the menu...

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.*

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.

OK, as I read through these, I was just fine... for tonight, I was all set for "Bowling alley beer" which in my house means Bush Light... then I got to "next" Sunday, read the word **Goldschlager " and suddenly have flashbacks to a certain deer camp many years ago... Oh oh... I just decided I'm not "Jerry Lewis"...**

Well, it's December and the Christmas season is upon us... I actually got my garage Christmas decorations up, thanks to Ma and Pa Nelson. I have both their "Happy Holiday" garage sign up as well as their lighted Christmas Cross... Brings back some very nice memories... Stop by some night and check 'em out... I'll have a cocktail waiting for you...

OK, I think I've run out of gas for this evening... Plus, my beer is empty, even though I've checked it three times...

Busy week of work ahead of me, along with dealing with the holidays... But with a successful football weekend behind us, who cares about any minor challenges...? Let's meet 'em head on!

With that, I'll sign off... But as is normally the case, before I do, a few words of wisdom for the junior members...

"I've had great success being a total idiot." ~ Jerry Lewis

I'd like to pin that on the junior members, but I think we've all been there...

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