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**December 29, 2013** - *Jak se maj! Hi everyone! I hope you all had a great Christmas! It was very nice here and a good holiday season so far. The weather has been a little better and I just realized that I haven't had to shovel in 3 days. I think that's a record for this December!*

*Christmas was nice and we kicked off with Christmas Eve Mass at Resurrection and then evening meal and drinks at the in-laws. Mass was REALLY nice as usual and the spaghetti meal was awesome! (I even had special seating this year getting placed between my two nieces!) The in-laws had a bit of a tough time with John gone but everything went well and we had a really nice time. Christmas Day brought Mass at our little church on Hwy NN and then the Nelson clan festivities at the Librarian and Sausage Stuffer's abode. They sure do host a great event!!! We were home pretty early (to check on a let out the dog) and then spent a pretty quiet evening at home. Overall, a GREAT Christmas!*

*Yesterday I took a trip to Oshkosh to sell my old Tonneau cover off my truck. I've had it on Craig's List since October and finally got a bite, but he was coming from Portage and didn't want to drive all the way here so I agree to meet him. It was a nice day for a drive so it was no big deal. Funny thing though... Before I was getting ready to head out I got another call on the tonneau cover! Another guy was interested. He said he felt bad as he was meaning to call for over a week. I told him sorry but I know how he feels as that's usually how things work out for me too... Anyway I have that sold and out of my garage...*

*The President just called and we had a nice chat. Nothing big going on, just catching up on what's new. We both realized not much but we do have plans to change that.*

*Kinda surprised but Skipper didn't show up this weekend. My liver is very relieved!*

*Oh, forgot to mention that the FM definitely married WAY OVER HIS HEAD! (Just in case you dear readers didn't know...) Last week she stopped over to drop off a "gift" for my lovely wife... Here she is posing with it:*



*This is a "craft" item made by the current owner of my wife's old house on Highridge. It's a section of one of the doors decorated for Christmas. Mrs. FM said she knew how my wife and my late brother-in-law thought of their old house and how they often asked about it so when she saw one like this at a silent action she tried to get it but failed. So she had another one made! How incredibly thoughtful. Thank you so much Nancy! It really made my wife's holiday!!!*

Mr. FM, you need to make sure Mrs. FM knows HOW MUCH over your head you married... Keep her happy... :-)

On to less important items... Quite the week in football with the Packers still in it and ready for their first (unofficial) playoff game coming up in an hour. If they win we'll have their next playoff game as well as the Badger Bowl game on New Years. Hopefully a good week!

Really not much else happening over the last week, but I have made a lot of progress on the "new website". I'm kinda at the arduous task of moving the "old notes" over, but its actually kinda fun reading all the old stuff. Anyway, drop me a line and let me know what you think!!!

With that in mind, let's see what's on the drink menu for the end of the year and the start of next year!

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.**

5 Ulysses S. Grant elected president (1872). Fullbore drunkard seizes power.

**Presidential Margarita**

**1 1/2 oz El Presidente Brandy**

**1 1/2 oz Cointreau**

**1 1/2 oz Tequila**

**Juice of 1 Lime**

**Pour ingredients into a large glass. Add ice and let sit while preparing drinking glass. Rim glass with lime and salt, fill with ice and add a lime slice. Pour contents of large glass into salted glass.**

A "Pousse Cafe" is a fruity layered chick drink... In case you were wondering... I plan on doing the Bloody Mary thing on the 1st...

I think the AG and FM Jr. have birthdays this week. I hope you both have a great day! Happy Birthday!

Not much planned this week for me. New Years won't be much as I'm sure we'll sit here and watch crappy TV until the ball drops. Probably with our eyes closed... Pretty typical way for use to ring in the new year.

What are you up to? Drop me a note and tell me a story and I'll include it next week!

Until then, I'm out of here... Not much of an update, but as I often say, you get what you pay for... So until next year! But before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

***“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.” ~ C.S. Lewis***

*As I age, I'll see how true that is!*

*Happy New Year Everyone!!!*

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

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*PS. Forgot to mention gifts.. Got some good stuff, but perhaps the "best", to be most used and function item gift I got?*



*Coffee cup for my truck! No I'm not being funny! It fits my cup holder perfect (no more spills), holds exactly a full pot of coffee, and I'll use it every day until I break it. All the way from Vegas! Thanks Santa!*

***December 22, 2013***-*Jak se maj! Howdy do and Happy Holidays to everyone! Sitting here watching the Packers try their best to give away their season. A little frustrating so I decided to start my weekly update...*

*Actually, I've been working on the "new website" for a good part of the game. For now I am going the leave the "Ilok and feel" of the site as is and get the pages all transitioned over. I think the site looks OK, but someday down the road I'll get spruce it up a bit. Transitioning all the pages is a lot of work. Its just a copy/paste of each page from the old site to the new site, but then there is formatting, setting up links and pictures, etc. so its a lot more work than you would think. Plus, over ten years, I have a LOT OF PAGES on this site. Its kind of amazing... Anyway, I'll keep plugging away while my search for an executive assistant continues...*

*Of course, if you see any glaring issues, let me know... I may even fix them...*

*Of course, my update should be starting thusly...*

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHARLOTTE!***

*Big sister, librarian, and chief boss of the clan flips another page today. We were "suppose" to go our for the family birthday meal today and have a nice brunch in town, but between the snow and the birthday girl coming down with a cold, plans were canceled. I hope it gets rescheduled but we'll see what the birthday girl wants. Either way, Happy Birthday sis!*

*No medical updates this week, so no news is REALLY good news in this case... :-)*

**Quite a lit of snow today, but nothing like what they thought could happen... I'd guess 6 inches here in Denville, but with the 4 or 5 small snows we have, there is quite a bit of accumulation on the ground. (And on my roof!) If definitely will be a white Christmas here!**

**Skipper stopped over today to borrow some computer equipment and we traded Christmas cheer. He had hoped to come back over for the game but family commitments overruled the free beer in my refrigerator. My liver was rather relieved, but I was again disappointed. But he'll be back in town next weekend so we'll catch up then.**

**As I was doing website updates I ran across the BBC Elves video. If you haven't seen it, watch it again. Its watching A Christmas Story every year. A nice tradition and funny as heck...**

**Packers are winning... I should go get a beer... Be right back...**

**With a beer in hand, let's see what's on the holiday drink menu...**

**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.***

**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.***

**Here I am drinking Fosters Lager and its not even on the list...**

**So here we are at the holiday season once again. Its been quiet so far and kinda nice. Its a little hard having the Weatherman and my new daughter gone for the holidays, but we hear and see then quite a bit so its not so bad. We'll be "Skyping" them on Christmas too, so that will be cool... Of course I miss all the excitement we had when the bonus were little (or at least younger) but I kinda like it this way too. I only had to buy one present (My beautiful bride got a trip to Vegas for Christmas) and I don't have a whole lot on my list to do. (That may change as my lovely roommate decides more on her list needs to be on my list but that's fine.) It lets me at least try to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. I am really looking forward to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses and of getting together with family. I hope its as great as I imagine...**

**Well, the Packers just went down by 10 on the pick six. Disgusting...**

**Well, not much else going on, so I think I'll wrap it up. I expect to be back next week for another end of year update... Until then...**

**Merry Christmas Everyone!!!**

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

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**PS.**



**PPS: Packers just tied it...**

**PPPS: Packers lost... ANOTHER disappointment today...**

**December 15, 2013**- *Jak se maj! Hi all!!! What do you know? Its a NEW website!!!*

*We've been working on our church website over the last couple months doing a upgrade to the operating system. Some of the things I learned made me realize I REALLY needed to get rid of my old website software and upgrade to something written in this century... Literally! I am sure some of the old code I was using was from the 90's... So, I did a little investigation to my options and I've installed the same CMS (content management system) that we use on the church website. When it gets installed it "takes over" the old website stuff, but you can still access the old stuff... Pretty neat...*

*So going forward you will see the new stuff in the new format and I also plan on slowly moving the old stuff over to the new system. I may have some "requests" for people to check certain things to see if they work, so if you have time, that's great. If you are REALLY bored in your world I'm looking for an assistant to help with the site conversion. The pay is lousy but the expectations are seriously low... :-)*

*So what's going on? Well, its been pretty crazy around here as most of you know...*

*When I posted my last update, my lovely bride was in Vegas and the Chief and were bachelor'ing it... Well she had a GREAT time (as proven by my credit card balances) and it was good for her mentally and physically. I will gladly admit that I was pretty glad when she got home... She didn't feel the same, but that is to be expected. LOL!*

*We settled back into our routines and not much else going on until early this week when my much better half had to go into the hospital for a catheterization to have her heart checked. Obviously I was a little concerned, but she is relatively young, is in great shape and eats well. Anyway, we went in Tuesday morning (Kay, Jake and I) and it was a little hectic due to some confusion about when we were supposed to be there, but everything went fine and by 7:45 she was wheeled in for her procedure and literally 15 minutes later one of the nurses came out and told Jake and I that she indeed had some blockage and they were "fixing it"... 30 minutes later she was on her way back to the room... Pretty efficient!*

*Turns out she had 70% blockage on her left descending heart artery, so they did the angioplasty to "expand" and clear the blockage and then placed a small stent there to keep it open. The procedure went "very well" and now that artery and all the rest look "great". The block was in a very small area too so that was good news... In the recovery, other than getting off the mild anesthesia, the only real issue is the concern about where the catheter went in (the*

*femoral artery) because you don't want that bleeding. Other than that (no exertion or heavy lifting) she's pretty much good to go...*

*Tuesday she went in for a petscan to check a nodule on her lung and Thursday we went in to get the results. Luckily there is no concern and its just a "thing"...*

*So other than a LOT of drama and concern we are pretty much good to go for Christmas... Well we have a few more checkups, but we should be good to go... :-)*

*Friday night we went to see Jay play hockey at the Cornerstone and had a good time. Wasn't much of a game as Jay's team won 12-0 but better than being on the losing end of that score. Jay had a goal and 5 assists from our unofficial count. Can't wait for the next game...*

*Weather has been cold and really snowy this weekend, but it IS Wisconsin... Sent this picture to the Weatherman and he he didn't miss the snow... 6 months in Vegas and he's already turning into a wimp... :-)*



*The PACKERS WON tonight and definitely makes for a better Sunday and week ahead! It sure didn't look good at halftime but my sisters were out for a walk and stopped over and "changed the tide" of the game! Way to go SISTERS!!! Well we should really thank J. Jones for being such a stupid owner and GM, but that goes without saying...*

*With that in mind, lets see what is on the drink menu!*

*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.***

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

*Wow, that takes us right to The Boss's Birthday! (Our eldest sister the Librarian!) How awesome that the drink of the day is tequila!!!*

*So next Sunday we'll head to Allouez to celebrate the Librarian's birthday (and commemorate Pa Nelson's as well) with a "birthday brunch". Can't wait!!! Happy birthday sis!*

*This Thursday evening we have Mass out at our little church on Hwy NN. Mass is for Ma and Pa Nelson as well as our brothers Chuck and Chris. Hope I see some of you there!!!*

*Other than that, I think it's just a matter of getting ready for Christmas. That is no small task, but I must admit it is much easier than it was back when the kids were younger (and when I made less money). Now it's just a few gifts and some simple decorating. I enjoy it MUCH more!!!*

*So with that I think I shall sign off... But before I go, as the tradition requires, I will close with a few words of wisdom for our junior members!*

***"Did you ever notice that life seems to follow certain patterns? Like I noticed that every year around this time, I hear Christmas music." ~ Tom Sims***

*Kinda dumb, but it seemed very "junior-member-ish"...*

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

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**December 01, 2013** - *Jak se maj! Hi everyone. I'm back after the longest time without an update on the page in over 10 years. The last month has been hectic, joyous, arduous, fun, all while incredibly sad. We've had births, celebrations, and joys, but also the loss and great pain and sorrow of a death of a loved one. I struggle with how to open this update. My life is so filled with great and wonderful things that I feel I need to lead with those items, but the heaviness of my heart tells me otherwise.*

**Part 1**

*Over a month ago on Halloween we were called with the news that my brother-in-law John (my lovely bride's brother) was in the hospital with heart issues and was soon in surgery for multiple bypasses. Personally I had some sense of relief that he was finally dealing with his heart health (due to his family history) and that he would get it fixed, but we soon learned that his heart did not recover as expected after surgery and that he was in very critical condition and would be sent to Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee as soon as he was stable enough to get there.*

*The next day, Friday the 1st, he made it to Beertown and was setup completely sedated to let him rest so he could get off of the life support machines he was on and hopefully begin recovery. We went down the next day to see him and the family. John was completely unconscious (as he needed to be) but we had ample time to visit. I left that evening leaving bride and mother-in-law to stay with the rest of the family. The Chief went down the next day to visit and pick them up. I left Saturday optimistic due to the massive technology being applied to get him well.*

*By Monday we had hopes for improvement but there was none and by Tuesday evening the news was that attempts to get any response showed that there was significant damage to all organs (including his brain) and that he was not expected to recover. As soon as his son Jay arrived he was removed from life support and around midnight John died. We spent the Tuesday evening here in Denmark (Kay, Jake, Joanne and I) in vigil and did not hear the news until morning. The Leiternans were (and still are) crushed under the weight of the sorrow of their loss.*

*The next few days were tough but there were some bright moments that tell us the sun will shine again. The funeral was scheduled for Monday so there was some extra time to deal with the loss before the formalities. Saturday night we had the families over here to console each other and it ended up being a nice time and diversion. Sunday evening was the wake and based on the sheer numbers that showed up to pay their respects, you could really tell John touched*

*many lives in a positive way.*

*Monday was the funeral and it was one of the largest crowds I ever saw at a funeral. Father Ron had a very moving and special ceremony. He and John had been good friends so he was able to really make everything very meaningful. The Weatherman (Chris being able to come home was perhaps the only good thing about the whole ordeal) read a eulogy prepared by the family and it was great and I am quite sure that his uncle beamed with pride and joy from above. I must admit that it was a very proud moment for me too. From there we went to the cemetery in the cold and snow and said our farewells to John.*

*John was a good guy and I am glad to have known him since I was 10. John was the biggest and most dominant pitcher during my first year of Little League baseball and frankly, he scared the crap out of me. Our paths didn't really cross closely again until his little sister Kay and I began dating. I did not know how close they were (even if John didn't acknowledge it) but I was quite aware that John probably didn't think all that much of me following his little sister around. I don't remember any hostility, but there wasn't any closeness either. It never occurred to me either that when the time came for Kay and I to get married that it probably wasn't all that easy for John to "give her away" to me at our wedding. To top it off, I took her away to Madison 6 months later.*

*But John would come down to Madison to visit, usually for hockey games (sometimes football), and we began to get closer. I think that perhaps the fact that I took the brunt of the "attention" from my wife and mother-in-law for the late night outings we had helped score some points and gain some respect. By the time we moved from Madison back to Denmark we were good friends. Sports was usually the common ground we shared, but we connected on other levels as well, but I must admit the usual 30 minute "sports report" you got from John anytime you went to the store will be the one thing I will remember John for the most.*

*I didn't realize it at the time, but what I think I liked most about John was his humble and unassuming demeanor. His wake and funeral showed that he literally touched thousands of lives, but I never realized that during his life because he wasn't a boastful or a "look at me" kind of guy. He was a true and pure "good guy", humble and unassuming.*

*John's death has hurt me much more than I'm sure most know and probably more than I would like to admit. In some small ways it has shaken my faith and it certainly has taken away some sense of control over my life. It has made me see that things aren't always what I want no matter how much I want them or are willing to work for them. It has also reminded me that by far the most intense pain you can ever endure isn't anything that can be done to you, but instead it is watching those you love endure pain and suffering while you stand by helpless, without any way to help them or make it in any way better.*

*But life goes on... We will continue to live and breathe, and hopefully, thanks to having John in our lives, to love each other a little better...*



*John P. Leiterman, age 49, of De Pere, passed away unexpectedly November 6, 2013 from heart complications. He was born August 8, 1964 to Leonard and Joanne (Cisler) Leiterman in Denmark. He graduated from Denmark High School in 1983, and worked for Main Street Market in Denmark. He married Lisa R. Ward on September 8, 2000 at St. James Catholic Church in Cooperstown, and together they had one son, Jay. He was an avid Badger fan, enjoyed s*

ports, especially golf and watching his son play hockey. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends and planning family vacations. John's faith was important to him, and he was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Ledgeview.

John is survived by his wife, Lisa, son, Jay, his mother, Joanne, siblings: Doug (Sandy), Dennis, Sue (Mike) Bielinski, and Kay (Curt) Nelson; mother-in-law, Peggy Ward, brothers-in-law: Tom Ward, Alan Ward, Chuck (Kristin) Ward, Carrie (Brian Roddy) Ward, and Adam Ward, as well as nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leonard Leiterman, Jr. and father-in-law, Ron Ward.

Family and friends may visit at Cotter Funeral Home, 860 N. Webster Ave, De Pere, from 4-8pm on Sunday, November 10, with a Parish Prayer service at 7:30pm. Visitation will continue on Monday, from 8:30-10:15am at All Saints Catholic Church, Denmark. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30am on Monday, with the Rev. Ron Colombo officiating. Burial in All Saints Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is being established in John's name. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Bellin Cardiac staff and Froedtert CVICU staff for the care and concern shown to John and his family.

## Part 2

**SO many things to cover... I could be writing for a long time I think, but we're going to try to keep it short and sweet...**

**First off, welcome to the family Broc Richard Thompson! Ric and Haley, amid some rather "exciting" moments brought young Broc into the world ion early November. I had the pleasure to finally meet young Broc last week and from the looks of things, he will be ready to hit the deer stand in a few years! Welcome aboard Broc and congrats Ric and Haley!**



**Over a month ago we headed north for wood making weekend and had a great time, but DID WE WORK! We made a ton of wood including numerous cords at camp as well as numerous cords at Kingsbury Kottage. I have not been so tire and sore in a LONG time. But the work got done and fun was had by all...**

**Due to the funeral arrangements, an anniversary, work and one illness, the first annual Deer Camp meeting at Zumbo's was pretty sparsely attended. I feel pretty bad about that but we will do everything we can to make next year a big hit. On a side note, Zumbo did real well this year with the bow and gun with a couple of really nice bucks!!!**

**The SEC-Transportation and I headed to Depere to help the SEC-D'Fence move. Casey and Nicole sold their house in Milwaukee so we helped unload the trucks up here. We really didn't do much, but every little bit helps of course. They have a nice apartment in Depere but they are house hunting and may need help moving again soon. Despite the work involved a good time**

was had by all...

*Then all of a sudden it was Deer Camp 2013! I spent Wednesday cooking as usually and then Thursday we headed north. Thursday night was the usual dinner at Nimrod's with "The Boys Up the Road" followed by fun on Friday. Friday was highlighted by nearly getting run over by a doe and two bucks in front of The President's stand. (Sadly we never saw any more deer) The opener was windy and bitter cold, the coldest I remember being in quite some time. No deer were seen but the cabin was well guarded while the "B" team headed out to watch the Badger game. Sunday was cold again but less wind. Still no deer but The President did see a bear. Monday a trip up to Debroux resulted in no deer seen and very few hunters as well and Tuesday I headed home to leave The President and SEC-State to close up camp on Wednesday.*

*Despite the lack of deer camp was a great as ever. Food and libations were fantastic but still a distant 2nd and 3rd to the great family and friends that get to spend those special few days together each year. Already I can't wait until Deer Camp 2014!!! Well I hope so at least... There was an issue with a few members (including myself) getting excommunicated, but we are hoping the schism will be mended by next year.*

*Back in Denville I spend Wednesday before Thanksgiving making dressing with Uncle Lloyd and the Comptroller. Perhaps my favorite event that takes place "South of 64". Its really no big deal is it takes about 7 minutes to make the dressing (I usually have everything ready to go when they walk in the door) followed by 7 minutes of doing dishes and then 45 minutes of talking. Great time as always... A special note this year... Uncle Lloyd told us of when Ma Nelson called him to let him know they needed a middle name for me when I was born and they wanted to use his and how tickled he was over that. I think very highly of Uncle Lloyd, so you can imagine how that made my day... :-)*

*Wednesday night the Nelson clan went out for pizza and beer to celebrate my birthday and a good time was had by all. November is quite a month for birthdays. Nicole, Alicia, the Weatherman, Jackie and my lovely bride all celebrate this month. Quite a month of fun so a very special and Happy Birthday to everyone!!!*

*Friday after Thanksgiving I drove my lovely bride to the airport in Appleton for a flight to Las Vegas for a week long vacation and there she is today enjoying some 60 degree weather. We had bought her the ticket 2 months ago (birthday present) and I think it will turn out to be a good thing to get her out of town for a week and enjoy life a little. I think that the kids will enjoy having her there too as I can imagine it gets a little lonely being away from home, especially during the holidays. I hope they all have a great week together.*

*Perhaps they will have a cocktail or two together? Let's see what is on our drink specials for the week:*

*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 ends (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.***

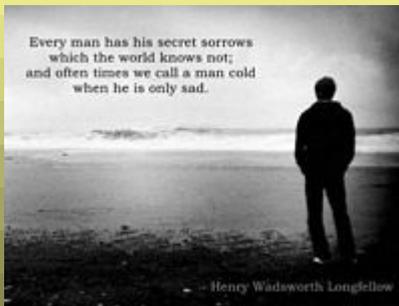
**7 Tom Waits Birthday (1949). "I'd rather have a bottle in front of me than a frontal lobotomy." *Guinness Stout.***

***Nothing too special, but certainly worth a buzz or two...***

***After deer hunting and Thanksgiving we are thrown into the Christmas season and to me time is strangely compressed and the next 4 weeks goes by incredibly fast. Don't know why, but with my lovely bride being gone until Friday, it will likely be even worse this year.***

***I really don't see anything scheduled or planned for the next week other than Jake and I being bachelors, so I think perhaps it is time to go... sorry to all if I forgot anything important!***

***So I'm out, but before I go here are a few words of wisdom for our junior members...***



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