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**October 27, 2008** - *Jak se maj!!! Good Morning! Happy Monday! Hello! Greetings, and all that jazz... Hope everyone is well! Things are going well here despite the frigid temperature. Notice I didn't say cold. We'll see cold in a month or two... Now it's just cooling down... Not even cold enough for a jacket yet... But it's getting there...*

*My crew had a pretty good weekend. We headed south (and west) to visit the eldest down at ISU. Long trip (6.5 hours), but not really too bad. I guess if you know it going in you just do it and it's OK. We drove down Thursday night, so that wasn't too interesting cause you can't see anything at night, but the drive home yesterday was better.*

*Had a good time there. The boys were a little squirrelly but we definitely had some fun. Pretty much just hung out together, ate out a lot, walked the campus, checked out the sights, took a short trip to Des Moines, had a movie night, and that was pretty much it. Just family bonding... Of which I have enough for a year now...*

*ISU is a pretty nice campus. It "seems" pretty small until you start walking around the whole thing. It's not huge like the UW, but it is pretty big. It was homecoming down there this weekend so there was probably more life than usual, but it wasn't crazy or anything. Let's face it, ISU football doesn't deserve crazy... Otherwise Ames is a nice little town. We checked out a number of places, found a nice brew house, good Mexican, and overall enjoyed it...*

*Oh yeah... Movie night... Now I know why we don't have movie night... The Chief picked the movie, a horror freak fest type of thing. I really don't know what people get out of those types of movies... My beautiful bride will be scared for a month now and refuses to go anywhere "remote"... So now I have that to deal with...*

*ISU football may suck, but our local teams were 2-0 with a bye thrown in. Best week of the year so far!!! The Denville 11 got a big win on Friday against 5-1 NL and secured 2nd place in conference. That earned them a seed in the playoffs which start tomorrow night. They host Oconto and the BBC wishes them Good Luck!!!*

*In Madtown the Badgers finally won a Big Ten conference game with a big win over Illinoiz. Yeah, they lost to Iowa, but they beat Illinoiz, and if they beat Minnehaha, the season may be salvaged. We'll see...*

*Made some progress on the gun cabinet last week... Got all the final sanding done, and it wasn't fun... Sanding that big a project REALLY bites... So now it's on to finishing... Hope I don't ruin it now...*

*Just to prove that people actually read the site (Although no one commented on [The President's](#)*

[baby picture](#), which I found shocking!), I have the below response to last week's call for election information. This is from the Jack/Ass team (Tom's mother was Irish, which explains a few things, but I wonder what she is now?). This may actually affect my decision...

An email from Ireland to all of their brethren in the States... a point to ponder despite your political affiliation:

'We, in Ireland, can't figure out why you people are even bothering to hold an election in the United States.

On one side, you had a pants wearing female lawyer, married to another lawyer who can't seem to keep his pants on, who just lost a long and heated primary against a lawyer, who goes to the wrong church, who is married to yet another lawyer, who doesn't even like the country her husband wants to run!

Now...On the other side, you have a nice old war hero whose name starts with the appropriate 'Mc' terminology, married to a good looking younger woman who owns a beer distributorship !!

What in heaven's name are ya lads thinkin over in the colonies!

Can you answer that???

Now that the topic is politics, it's time to check out what's to drink this week...

27 Dylan Thomas' Birthday (1914). An alcoholic is someone you don't like who drinks as much as you do. **White Horse Scotch.**

28 St. Jude's Day. Patron saint of hopeless causes. **Tequila.**

29 Hermit Day. Stay home and drink all by your lonesome. **Yukon Jack.**

30 Feast of the Dead Children (Toltec). Oh, those creepy, creepy Toltecs. **Mescal.**

31 Halloween. Suit up as a historical drunk. **Zombie.**

1 Dia de los Muertos (Mexican). Raise a drink to lost friends. **Dead Guy Ale.**

2 Festival of Odin (Norse). Vikings believed they went on an eternal drinking binge with Odin if they died in combat. **Glogg.**

OK, first off, I'm not doing Yukon... Second, have you noticed the guy who publishes this schedule seems to like tequila? He HAS to be a great guy... Finally, IT'S NOVEMBER ON SATURDAY?!?!? Holy catfish!!!

You know what that means... Deer Camp 2008 is RIGHT around the corner... Well, I've been working on stuff already. The draft menu is in the FDA Chairman's hands and I'm trying to get the crew to commit to schedules. We're also tossing around the official rules of the Darwin Trophy. I think we had a good set of rules for the trophy drafted, but no one can remember them... SHOCKING!!! Anyway, it's almost my "... Favorite Time of the Year!!!"

OK...here's a quick quiz I copped off the net... I'm sure most of the senior BBC staff will ace this... I mean, just ask the FM or FDA Chair anytime during Deer Camp and they'll tell you they know everything... I'll admit, I didn't do that well, barely breaking 50%, but that explains why I'm the lowly VP... Let me know how you do... I may publish the answers if enough readers beg for

them...

**This is a QUICK quiz for people who know everything (only 9 questions)!**

**These are not trick questions.**

**They are straight questions with straight answers.**

- 1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends. ?**
- 2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?**
- 3. Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?**
- 4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?**
- 5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?**
- 6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters ' dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.?**
- 7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?**
- 8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.**
- 9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S..' ?**

**Better yet, send in your answers and the best score will get the Grand Prize!!! No fair cheating and looking stuff up either...**

**No hunting again this week... I better get the itch soon... I have Thursday and Friday off this week, so I hope to get out there...**

**We got back yesterday late afternoon so I could make it to a meeting, but I couldn't get any word on how the World Championship Booyah Cookoff went. I'm assuming the Mad-Belgian didn't win otherwise he would have been parked on my doorstep... Wait, I didn't check my front doorstep this morning... He could have been frozen stiff out there... Well, I'm sure he'll thaw... If anyone has word, let me know...**

**Coming this week... Some vacation days... Some hunting... Yard work... Gun cabinet... I think that's it... Oh yeah, Happy Halloween!!!**

**Before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members... Two for the holiday!**

**"Charlie Brown is the one person I identify with. C.B. is such a loser. He wasn't even the star of his own Halloween special." ~ Chris Rock**

*"I'll bet living in a nudist colony takes all the fun out of Halloween." ~ Charles Swartz*

*Yeah, that nudist colony thing sounds great until you realize you probably don't want to see 99% of people naked... Unless it's bar time...*

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

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*October 20, 2008 - Jak se maj!!! Good day and happy start of your week! Nice little rain this morning and it seems like a very nice fall day... If you like that sort of thing. A good week behind us and hopefully a great week ahead. Let's get started...*

*First off, the "curtamous page" approval rating is back to normal. Yeah, it's still basically bad, but not as rotten... Kinda like our current administration...*

*Speaking of which, I'm sure I'm not the only one, but I really don't know who to vote for... Ralph Nader is actually starting to look pretty good... So I need some help. If you have a reason, preferably humorous, why a certain candidate should be voted for, let me know... I'll post any and all responses... Perhaps we can do some good in the world...*

*Football... Meatloaf is singing again... The Denville 11 were victorious again! They are well on their way to the playoffs... The Packers ROCKED yesterday, and to be honest, I was shocked. I thought they would get spanked. The NFL is SO screwy this year it's un-believable... I mean seriously, the Rams SMOKED the Cowgirls? I love it, but that is just amazing... Sure makes for an uncertain but entertaining year... Finally, the BADgers... Horrible... Pathetic... Lousy... Rotten... Beiler is not the coach I thought he was... But we'll see...*

*Spent Saturday morning putting up the Mayor's new door. Turned out pretty well... The SEC-Transportation and Sausage Stuffer were the other 2/3rds of the crew... The old door came off easy, but the opening was not quite "true" so we did have to do some shimming... Only two trips to my shop to get that setup and we were done before 1pm... And it looks good!!! Hopefully it stays that way... :-)*

*Ever see one of The President's baby pictures?*



*Obviously "before" he found Julius Kessler...*

*Making some progress on the gun cabinet... Rough sanding is done and now I just need to final sand it before moving it indoors to put the finish on it... I forgot just how much sanding a piece that big sucks... I got my shop all setup and even put up a screen to divide my shop so I don't get dust everywhere, but it's still a big pain in the butt... But once it's done it's done... Hopefully soon...*

*Spent a couple hours yesterday hauling wood... Pretty much got the whole woodshed full... The youngest helped out, which is good, because I don't think I would have been able to get out of bed this morning if I did it all myself... I AM getting old... Very sad... :-)*

*Went out with the Nelson clan on Wednesday to celebrate "sis's" birthday... Went to Sconnie's on Riverside... Had a great time and the food was really good... Happy birthday Cherie!!!*

This week's schedule?

20 National Branded Fruit Day. In a pinch, you can mix brandy with a can of fruit cocktail. **You heard me.**

21 Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar (1805). Grog guzzlers trounce the wine snobs. **Navy Rum and Coke.**

22 National Nut Day. You know who you are. **Nut Brown Ale.**

23 Hungarian Independence Day. So long vodka, hello sweet, sweet freedom.

**The Mad Hungarian**

**4oz shots Rum**

**12 oz Root beer**

**Pour rum over ice in a beer mug. Top with root beer.**

24 United Nations Day. Unite the liquors of the world into one body yours. **Long Island Ice Tea.**

25 Anniversary of the Charge of the Light Brigade (1854). Their's not to reason why, their's but to do and die. **Light beer.**

26 Anniversary of the Gunfight at the OK Corral (1881). Doc Holliday's last words while drinking a glass of whiskey: This is funny. **Whiskey (but not funny whiskey).**

Pretty funky week we got going there... That Mad Hungarian sounds OK though... may have to pour me one of those this week...

Word from the senior membership is that the BBC will "not" be partaking in this year's World Championship Booyah Cookoff. Schedule-wise, it's just not going to work out, so the FDA Chair bowed out... So, that leaves the opportunity for a Belgian to win, which is sad, but you can only do so much... For me, it made my decision concerning my plans this weekend much easier... So...

We're heading to Ames to visit the eldest boy this weekend... Heading out Thursday night after work and hope to be looking at Iowa State U before Friday... That'll give us two full days in Iowa before heading back home on Sunday... I plan on being home in time for the annual church meeting by 6pm... I hope... Overall should be a good time and we're looking forward to it... I just hope to keep my wife's spending under control...

On a sad note, the BBC's thoughts and prayers go out to the FM and the Nesvacil family... The FM's brother-in-law Jay passed away Thursday at a too young age of 50... Our sympathies go out to all of Jay's family and friends...

On a lighter note, no hunting this weekend again... Too tired, too busy, and that crazy "October Does Hunt" was this weekend... Yeah, not good excuses, but that's all I have...

Next week? News from Ames... Hopefully on time... Maybe the weatherman will have a story or two for us...

To further their endeavors toward full membership in the BBC's senior elite, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

*"Baseball was made for kids, and grown-ups only screw it up." ~ Bob Lemon*

*Glad Boston lost... Perfect proof of that quote..*

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

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*October 13, 2008 - Jak se maj!!! Happy Monday everyone! I hope everyone is in the midst of a GREAT Monday. I'm still recovering from the weekend, but I'll do my best to create a more acceptable update. Last week, despite my attempt at explaining the poor content of the update, I received my first note in the complaint department. Well, it was my first real complaint from someone other than the FM... But, I'll admit, the complaint was right on target... Last week's update was weak! Here's to a better attempt...*

*So what's up? Well, the Denville Homecoming festivities are over, but that explains my overall "tired-ness" for the most part. This whole parent chaperone thing until 3am was NOT good... What a VERY long night, but it went very, very well, so it was more than worth it. My youngest was on court and I'm proud to say he behaved himself very well. One of his buddies was named king so over all the night turned out long, but very well.*

*After the dance, which ended at 3am, I tried to go to bed and got a coughing spell... I dozed off around sun up... and slept until noon... I'm not sure I EVER did that... Still tired though...*

*The eldest was home from Ames this weekend... He's doing just fine after doing some doctoring... He even behaved this weekend, so he's got that going for him... As of right now he's probably about half way home... Jeez that's a long drive...*

*Football... Isn't there a song "Two Out of Three Ain't Bad"? By Meatloaf I think... Anyway, the Denville Eleven took care of their homecoming game and in the process qualified for the playoffs... So that was cool... Good game too... The Packers yesterday didn't play great, but the Seahawks are awful, so we got a win there too... There's our two wins... Luckily I was pretty busy Saturday night and didn't have to watch the massacre at Camp Randall... My nephews and their beautiful bride/girlfriend went to the game... my condolences... At least the band was back...*

*This weekend included the BBC Woodcutting expedition. I was only able to head up for the day on Saturday... Well, it wasn't even the "day" as I left before 2pm, but it went well. I received a call around 8pm and it "sounded" like things were going VERY well in my absence... While I was there, we were able to knock down quite a few dead trees and filled up a significant portion of the woodshed as well as a couple of trucks headed to Kingsbury Kottage. No one was hurt and no structures were hit so it was a pretty big success. Wish I could have stayed... Very proud of the junior membership that showed up though... They did a fantastic job!*

*I got this from the SEC-W/M last week...*



*Not sure if it's a picture from the BBC from the days BB (Before the Bus) or if its relatives of one of his ex-women... You'll have to ask him...*

*Back to the schedule... What's on tap?*

*12 Columbus Day. Explore new bars and libations. **Cutty Sark.***

13 Sammy Hagar's Birthday (1947). Once I tasted really good tequila I became a new man. **Cabo Wabo Tequila.**

14 Mega Kenka Matsui (Japan). Rough house festival in which shrine palanquins jostle each other. Yes! **Sapporo Beer.**

15 UB40's Red Red Wine reached top of U.S. charts (1988). Suddenly drinking vino seemed kind of cool. **Red, red wine.**

16 Oscar Wilde's Birthday (1854). Work is the curse of the drinking classes. **Absinthe.**

17 Anniversary of the First Oktoberfest (1810). Over a million gallons of beer were guzzled at Prince Ludwig's wedding. **Beck's .**

18 Persons Day (Canada). Celebrates the day women were recognized as persons. **Pink Lady.**

Hey, Happy Columbus Day!!! No wonder there was a Columbus special on the History Channel last night...

Got a call from The President last night... The Booyah Championship Cook-off is still on, so mark your calendars... October 26th... I think... The FDA Chair is still working on his schedule and can't commit... and I have a conflict that weekend and don't know what to do... I screwed up with my schedule and promised my beautiful bride I'd take her to Ames to see the boy at school, thinking it was this coming weekend... October has too many weekends this year and it messed me up... Anyway that Sunday I have the booyah and the annual church meeting on one hand and a promise to the wife on another. I need advice, and I'm a little afraid to ask myself "What would Bob do"?

My sister and beautiful bride of the SEC-STATE is celebrating her birthday this week so if you see her, wish her a Happy Birthday!!! It also would have been Mr. Rick's 93rd, or something like that, so keep him in your prayers too...

I have to apologize to everyone across the world today... Over the last year or so, in the back of my mind, I was getting this inkling that maybe I would be able to retire someday and not have to work until the day I died... Well, thanks to this financial crisis, retirement is out of the question again... and I think I jinxed it... Sorry about that...

Well, how's that? Hopefully no more letters to the complaint department...

As always, before I go, a few words of wisdom for our junior members...

"For the execution of the voyage to the Indies, I did not make use of intelligence, mathematics or maps." ~ Christopher Columbus

Hey, he could head up our junior membership!

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

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October 07, 2008 - Jak se maj!!! Good morning everyone and Happy TUESDAY! Yesterday was a blur and today is not much better... so here is my all time quickest update... Hopefully it's

**better than nothing...**

**Wisconsin sports were NOT good this weekend... Well, Denville beat arch rival LC in a comeback and the Brewers won on Saturday, which was good, but otherwise it was NOT good...**

**Went to the Badger game with the FDA Chair... Had a good time, but no band and no win... Plus I didn't get home until 2:30 am... I'm still tired... But the gyros were AWESOME!**

**Packers lost... Blah!!!**

**Brewers lost on Sunday and they are done with... Hope it's not another 26 years...**

**Still tired... but working on it...**

**Wood cutting is this weekend... If you're a BBC member, or just like cutting wood, BE THERE!**

**Homecoming at Denville High is also this weekend... That conflict kinda bites for me...**

**The Mayor of Denville celebrated her birthday on Sunday. Happy Birthday!**

**Nice memorial service at Harmony House in Denville on Saturday... Lit candles in remembrance of Donnie Larsen and Ma and Pa Nelson... Very nice and a great lunch...**

**Zumbo is tracking a big one out on the ranch...**

**No time for drinks this week, so no schedule for you...**

**Been working on my gun cabinet again... I checked the "curtamous" archives, and I started it over 5 years ago... pathetic, huh?**

**Here's an oldie but goodie from the Jack/Ass team... It'll make the update seem longer...**

### **Investing**

**If you had purchased \$1,000 of Delta Air Lines stock one year ago, you would have \$49 left.**

**With Fannie Mae, you would have \$2.50 left of the original \$1,000.**

**With AIG, you would have less than \$15 left.**

**But, if you had purchased \$1,000 worth of beer one year ago, drunk all of the beer, then turned in the cans for the aluminum recycling REFUND, you would have \$214 cash.**

**Based on the above, the best current investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle.**

**It's called the 401-Keg**

**Sounds like a VERY solid investment to me...**

**Pretty cool that work is busy again... Milwaukee again yesterday... Appleton today and tomorrow... who knows what the rest of the week will bring...**

**Quick enough update? Here's your words of wisdom...**

**"Spending is quick, earning is slow." ~ Russian Proverb**

**Explain that to my beautiful bride...**

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

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