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CHRISTMAS! and **Season's Greetings.**

**2013 IN REVIEW**

- **Family Life:** Life is good, Christopher is now in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and is doing well in school. In fact he came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in his school's spelling bee, however he is still talking way too much in class. This summer he learned how to ride a bike and participated in the Springfield Days Cardboard Boat Regatta. His 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party was Laser Tag and he was a Minecraft video game character for Halloween (which I made). This winter he will be playing basketball.

My Mom and Dad are doing fine and still take plenty of trips to go gambling.

- **Health:** No major injuries all due to new safety measures. No exercise. I did discover the joy of poison sumac which over took my body for over a month. Next year, add No yard work to my routine.
- **Bowling:** At least my bowling team did not finish last. No further comment.
- **Stay at Home Dad:** No real vacation this year just a quick trip to Busch Gardens. I did take many trips to Quattro Goombas Winery where I got them to sell cigars as well as help setup and maintain their inventory.
- **Improvements?:** You get better with age. That's all I got.



Wishing you all a very special **Holiday Season** and much **success** in **2014.**

(and no more sequesters and furloughs)

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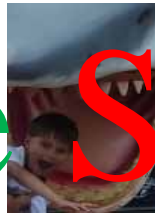
Wishing you all a very special **Holiday Season** and much **success** in **2013**.

**2012 IN REVIEW**

**Family Life:** Life is good, Christopher is now in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and is doing a much better job at not disrupting class by talking during school

My Mom and Dad are doing fine and still take plenty of trips to go gambling.

- **Health:** Wow, no double fracture and no torn tendons once again because I was lazy for the second yr in a row. My Orthopedic and Physical Therapist must think I died.
- **Bowling:** My bowling team did well this past year, but once again landed in 2nd place. I did manage to keep a 194 avg.
- **Stay at Home Dad:** No vacations or quick trips this year. I told Christopher if he could not keep quiet during school, I was not taking him anywhere. I kept my word and stayed home while my Ex took him on a long beach vacation. You see how that worked out ☺
- **Improvements?:** Too much time at home tends to lead to spending money so I had to prove them all wrong by buying a new car (Nissan Rogue), having my front walk and retaining wall redone (stone), my bathroom gutted, and my gutters replaced. Christopher does not need college money anyway. He can talk his way in.



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**MERRY CHRISTMAS!** and **Season's Greetings.** Wishing you all a very special **Holiday Season** and much **success** in **2012.**

- **Family Life:** Christopher is now in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. There was a Kindergarten Rising Star ceremony last spring.



Christopher took his first airplane ride as we headed to Orlando to hit The Magic Kingdom, Universal Studios, Island of Adventure, Hollywood Studios, EPCOT and Animal Kingdom all in 3.5 days. Thanks to my sister Maureen who helped us navigate through parks. Christopher and I also hit Rehoboth Beach. He loved the water, I loved the boardwalk fries.

Christopher celebrated his 7th birthday at Chuck E Cheese.

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- **Health:** Wow, no double fracture, no torn tendon because I was lazy this yr. I bet my Orthopedic and Physical Therapist really missed me. I should have bought the extended warranty now that I hit 50.
- **Bowling:** Well, my bowling team did well this past year, but fell to 2nd place on the last week of the season. I also fell from 1st to 2nd for high avg that same night. I'm voting for a 34 week season instead of 35 this year.

- **Getaways:** I went to the Poconos again this year for the Cigar Fest and spent a few weekends at the Quattro Goombas Winery drinking Frapovinos and smoking cigars with my buddy Jim.



Nothing like a good stogie



Hide all your candy, Because the **Terminator** promises, Just like Santa..... **He'll Be Back !**



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## 2010 IN REVIEW

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- **Family Life:** Christopher is working hard at brushing his teeth since he had major work done by a Pediatric dentist last year and now has some grown up teeth

Christopher attended his first Preschool Prom and Graduation. He is going to kindergarten in my neighborhood so I now have him most of the time.

Christopher and I went to Hershey Park, the Herndon Festival, Six Flags and the Clifton Day Festival this year. He also took a beginners water class to get over his fear of getting his face wet.

Christopher celebrated his 6th birthday with cosmic bowling & Video Arcades while I attended my 30th HS reunion on the same weekend. Can you say no sleep.

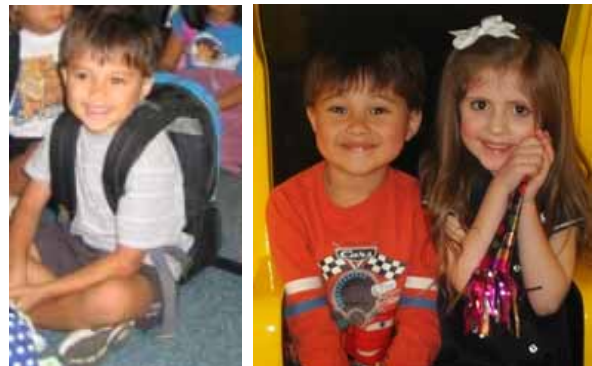
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- **Health** Last year I double fractured my wrist riding my bike, so this year I tore my tendon behind my calf muscle running, I have decided to buy a treadmill so I can exercise more than just a couple times a month starting the New Year. At least that is my new theory.
- **House** A bay window in the living room, kept the rest of the house as a big toy room

- **Bowling:** It was a long season last yr with my wrist taking all year to heal. We finished in 9th place. This year is much better, I already have a 257 game and my avg is up to 186
- **Getaways:** I went to the Poconos again this year for the Cigar Fest and Christopher had a blast visiting the Eicher's family at their Colonial Beach home.
- **Work:** My whole department, the Chief Information Office (CIO) was relocated to a awful building in an inconvenient location with lots of cubicles. For now just call me Dilbert.



Christopher had to leave his old 2010 girlfriends behind and start all over again.





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## 2009 IN REVIEW

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- **Family Life:** In November my divorce was finalized. Christopher has had no problems adjusting to our shared custody arrangement. Daddy loves his time with Christopher and relaxes in his cigar room on his off weeks.
- This school year Christopher has moved up from the Dolphins room to the Zebras. He still loves his preschool even though he'd rather stay home. He had a Bowling Party for his 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- Christopher took his electric Pontiac Solstice out for a spin and hit his neighbors new Mustang Convertible that he just got for his retirement. My preschooler has now learned to check if the car is in reverse before hitting the gas pedal.
- Christopher got to go to his first basketball game, and first circus. He also went to the Fairfax County Fair, Viva Vienna, Hersey Park, Skyline Dr, Luray Caverns, the Renaissance Festival and the Cox Farms pumpkin patch. I went to the Beerfest in Leesburg with an old Brewmaster Jim.
- In April I fractured my wrist and partially detached my tendon and it took physical therapy and the entire summer to recover. I had an excuse to hire a lawn service.
- My Mom and Dad are doing fine and still take plenty of trips to go gambling.

- **House** I battled with a 5.5ft long rat snake that appeared 3 out of the last 5 days by my front door, snapping and hissing at the pole I used to drive it away. Three months later I got a mouse.
- **Getaways:** No real escapes, I did have a great time at the Cigar Fest in the Poconos.
- **Work:** In 2008 my whole Division, the Financial Systems Operations Group, was moved from the Chief Financial Officers Office (CFO) to the Chief Information Office (CIO). We are still in the process of moving to a building in another location. In 2009, we lost many key workers who have left because of the reorg and battles with Perot when we gave up all control over our own network in another botched political move.
- **Musicals:** I attended the Washington Opera's performance of Wagner's Siegfried. Even though I really enjoyed Wagner's Die Walküre in 2007, it is really clear that I DO NOT like German Operas.
- **Bowling:** Last Spring Team Davidoff finished 4<sup>th</sup> then our league lost its contract and had to move to a different bowling house much further away. Now there is no smoking and I'm still struggling after my fractured wrist. I need my cigars!

