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And What A Year It Has Been... As Told By Cap'n Obvious.

For those of you that don't follow the Misadventures of Cap'n Obvious, here are some things to note: Me, the writer: Cap'n Obvious. You, the reader: You will be referred to as a "Minion". This is not an insult, my followers are honored to be called Minions! You may want a cup of coffee when reading reports such as this, because I tend to ramble on and on. Also keep in mind that I have to keep this rated PG, so no vulgarities shall be published "directly". With that being said, let's begin!

It's the home stretch, Minions!

I don't know about all of you, but your Cap'n, like most everyone in the Green Industry, is feeling bruised, battered, beaten, bent, cut, scraped, gouged, poked,



mangled, and maybe a little bit... well, I have to keep this rated PG. To steal a line from a movie: "Pain heals, chicks dig scars, but glory lasts forever!". But most importantly, we all persevered in what was, quite possibly, the most busy, hectic, and chaotic year that we've experienced in more than a decade. I'm an antique around here, nearly a relic, so I can HONESTLY say that!

It looks like the local economy is doing well again, Minions. I would venture to say better than anyone expected it to be. For giggles, I did an overall "what's in stock" on shade trees on October 15th. We were down to 589 shade trees...TOTAL! That's all shapes, sizes, and grades. During my tenure here, I don't recall ever seeing our pear blocks being COMPLETELY empty, which is impressive to say the least! As one of my mentors, Kevin Elmiger, said in one of his Friday emails earlier this summer: "If you're not busy, you may want to pursue a different industry". I think most everyone would agree with that statement, except maybe those that were not ACTUALLY busy. Perhaps they decided to pursue the fast food industry in hopes of pulling down \$15 an hour to mash a burger and drop a basket of fries. I remember doing that during my High School years for \$4.75 an hour... but that was an eternity ago.

That was a rant, Minions... That tends to happen during these articles... Anyway, moving on!

You kept us coordinating your orders, loading your trucks with trees, shrubs, perennials, brick pavers (I call them Legos), pond supplies, lighting material, and just about anything else we had in stock to keep you moving on your jobs. We all consumed multiple bottles of Tylenol, Motrin, aspirin, coffee, and/or



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