

THURSDAY: THUNDER MUCH



[image: Thor's Battle
Against the Jötnar by
Mårten Eskil Winge, c.
1872, via Wikimedia]

It's Thor's Day, the Norse god of thunder's day. This dude has a really poor selection of images available until the 20th century, and most are commercial. Doesn't say much about his powers, does it.

Speaking of powers, mine are tapped out. I have a massive, partially-completed timeline on the Flint water crisis scheduled to post at 9:00 a.m. EST. When you see it, you'll understand why my thunder's depleted. I'll throw a couple eye-catching items here for now; use this as an open thread.

In case I forget: Skål!

North Korean military chief executed for corruption

NK's execution of Army General Ri Yong-Gil seems really oddly timed within a week of NK's satellite launch. Makes one wonder if the launch

and the execution were related. The termination is attributed to Kim Jong-Un's continued efforts at retaining power.

Hundreds of thousands of stolen Social Security numbers used to attack IRS

Where the heck did hackers get 464,000 Social Security numbers? And how the heck did they use 101,000 of them to hammer away at the IRS to obtain e-pin number for filings? The IRS says no one's personal taxpayer data has been compromised, nor were any filings messed up in this automated mass attack last month.

Comcast pleads with ISP customers in Atlanta
Looks like somebody's nervous about Google Fiber coming to Atlanta, cutting into their broadband market. A pity, that, should have offered better customer service and more competitive pricing. If Comcast had already delivered these, there'd be no reason for Google to bother in that market.

Absolut-ly profitable year ahead for Pernod Ricard

Huh. I guess it makes sense, with the world in such upheaval that booze would be profitable. Pernod Ricard's projections of one to three percent growth this year remain unchanged as the second-largest distiller in the world names a new leader for its North American business.

By Thor's hammer...it's tequila time somewhere.
What's the old Norse word for booze?