
Pressing onward

Welcome to the best issue of Etoonin' so far this year. We sincerely hope you enjoy it. Let us know what you think.

Since our last issue I dropped out of school, traveled to Puerto Rico, prayed for 14 days, celebrated my birthday then got a job in one week. This is my 26th job ever. I am an advertising representative for the Harvard Press, a local newspaper. Harvard is the next town over from me. My job consists of driving around nearby towns and canvassing local businesses to sell them display advertising space in our paper. My pay is 100% commission. This is my second week. I'm kind of enjoying it, actually. It is part-time and I can sleep in until 10 am every day, an aspect that was very important to me.

Another important development to Etoonin' was that I decided to cancel my high speed internet service at home. This had the miraculous effect in that it freed up a great deal of my evening time to draw cartoons. I decided to draw at least one cartoon every day. Sometimes I draw more. It is really helping me get back into the swing of serious cartooning.

Thank you to all who gave me birthday gifts! While not as popular as the Etoonin' Appeal of 2008, many people gave me grocery store gift cards. I ate for all of March for free. I am very grateful. Things are still extremely tight financially over here. I am 3 mortgage payments behind and have begun negotiations with the bank to see if the federal bailout applies to me too. I met with a credit counselor and she seemed to suggest things are hopeful for me to retain my home. The Good Sense Financial Class at Grace Chapel was very helpful as well. It was very encouraging. However, I will probably forget most of it. So I plan to take it again at the next location it is offered. I am hoping David Andrews will offer to be my financial counselor next. Maybe if I bake him brownies. Budget deficits led me to switch from private to state subsidized health care. I hope this will continue to cover all my health care needs. As you might suspect, bipolar disorder can be an expensive illness to have. I am taking a step of faith that my new job, although completely commission based, will eventually earn me the extra income I need to balance my budget and start moving toward financial freedom. I remain committed to trying to follow what the Lord has for me to do each day. I trust in the Lord.

I would like to ask those of you willing to send me more Market Basket gift cards. Etoonin' remains a not for profit entity. All the cartoons I draw are completely free. And they are worth it! Anyway, it has been really helpful to have gift cards so that I don't need to worry about eating, even if I have other financial problems. If you are willing, please send Market Basket (preferred), Stop & Shop, Shaw's or Hanniford's gift cards. Please send them to my residential address:

Jim Bures
58 Spencer Road – 16K
Boxborough, MA 01719

Remember, this is a free will offering. Please donate only if you freely want to. If you don't want to, I am not trying to offend you by asking, so please forgive me. I realize times are tight for all. Thank you so much. We all help each other.

I am branching out Odd Todd style and asking you to send anything, a letter, a postcard, a ball of twine, some string, hair balls, whatever. Anything you think might entertain me and possibly our readers. My Aunt sends me cartoons; I like those! Let me know what's going on where you are at. And without further adieu, here are some cartoons. Toon in'...

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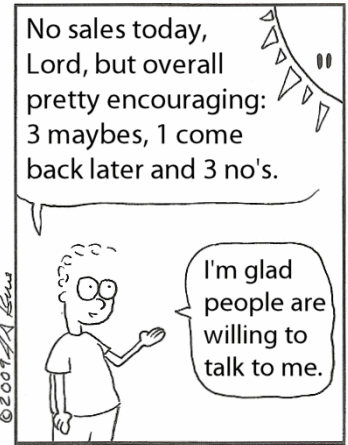
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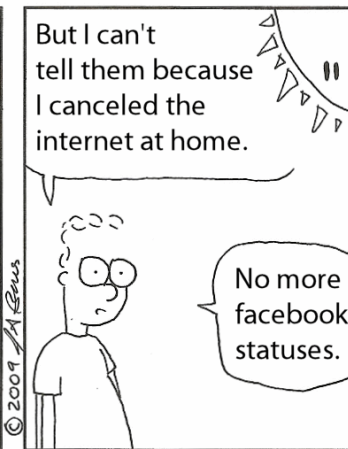
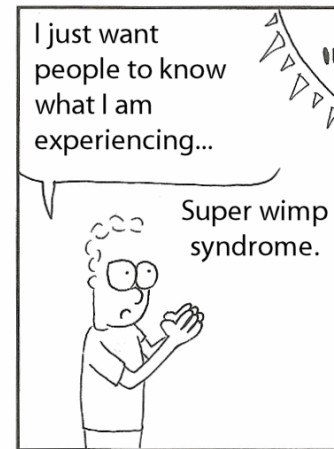
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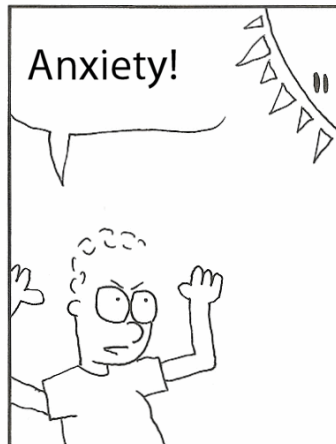
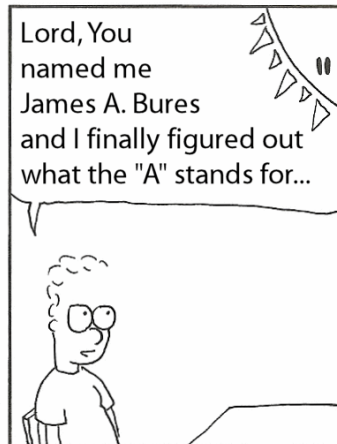
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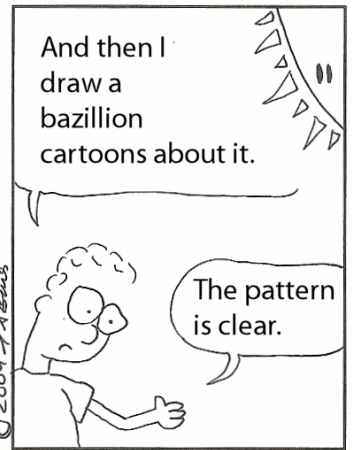
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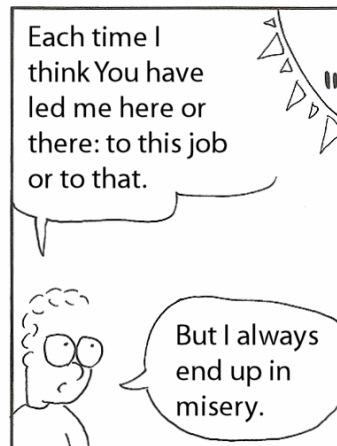
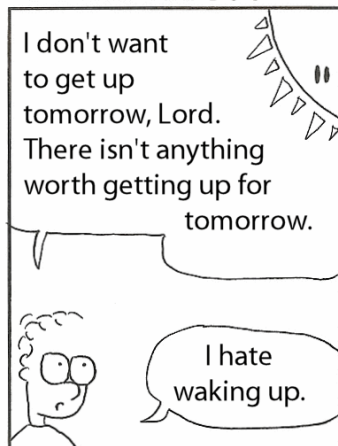


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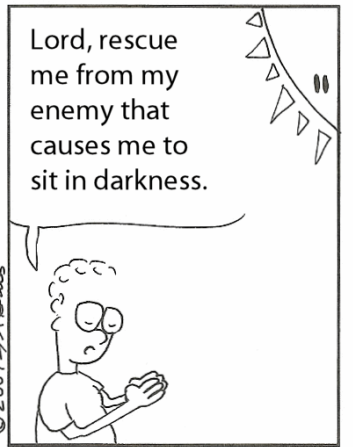
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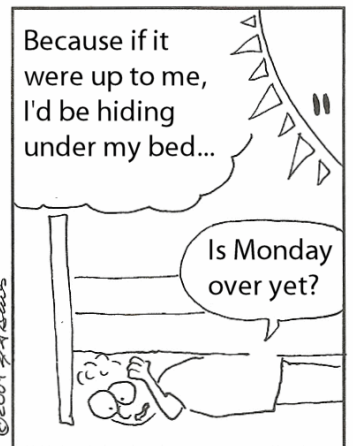
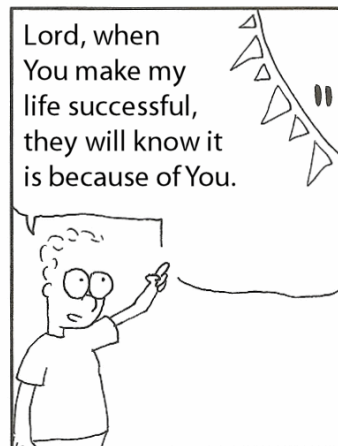
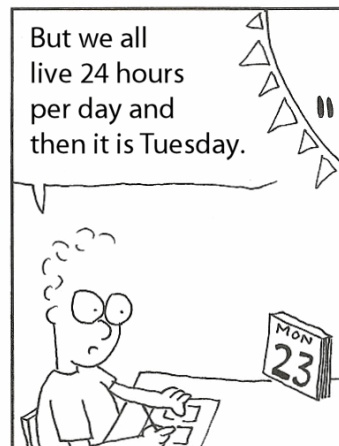
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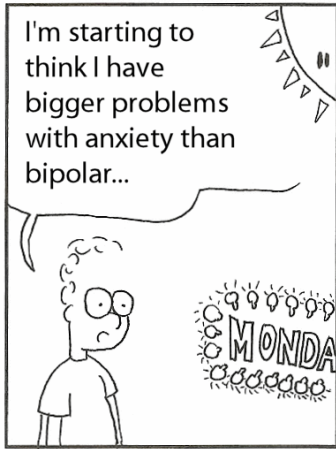
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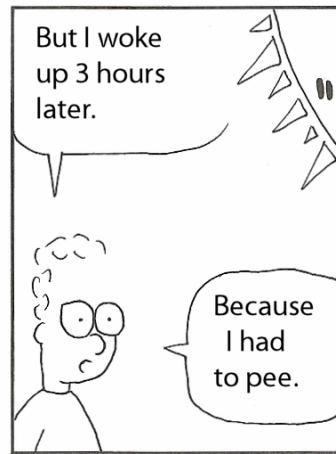
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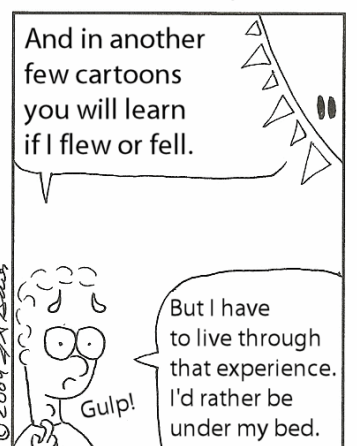
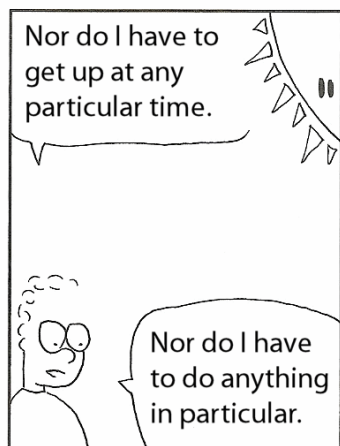
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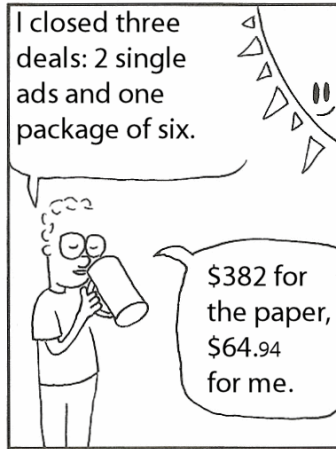
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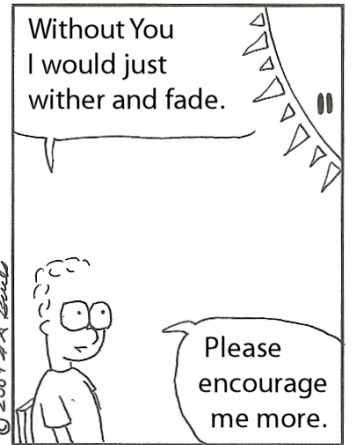
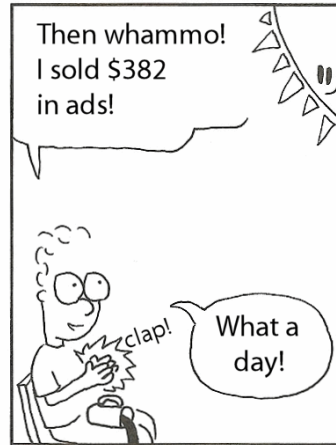
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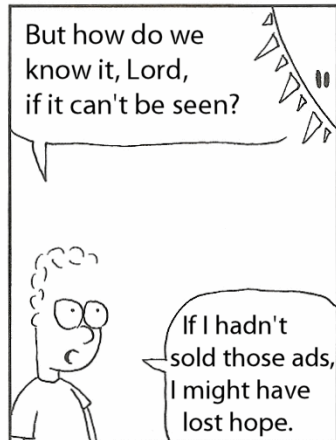
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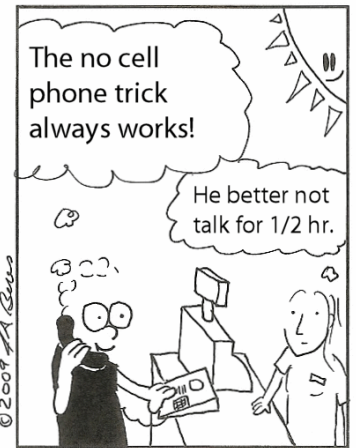
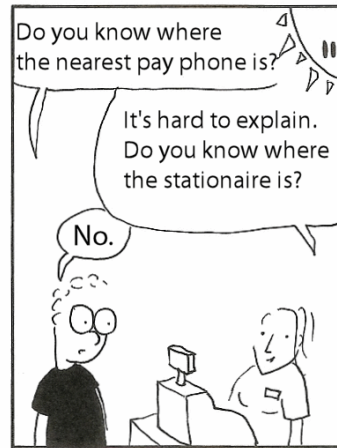
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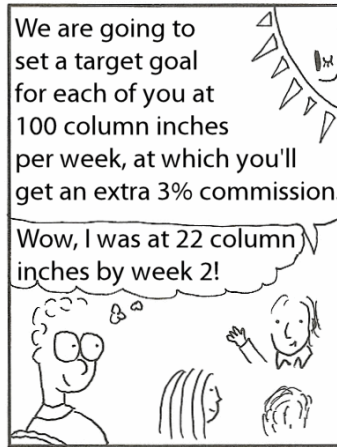
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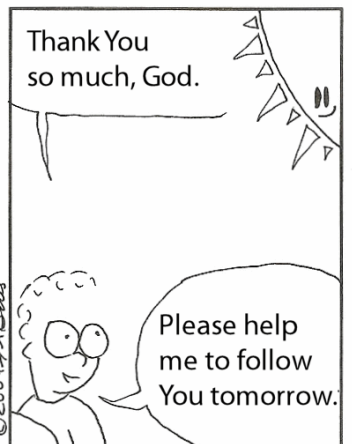
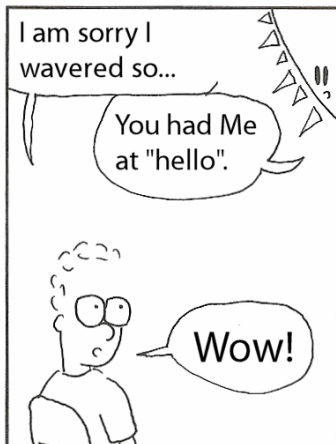
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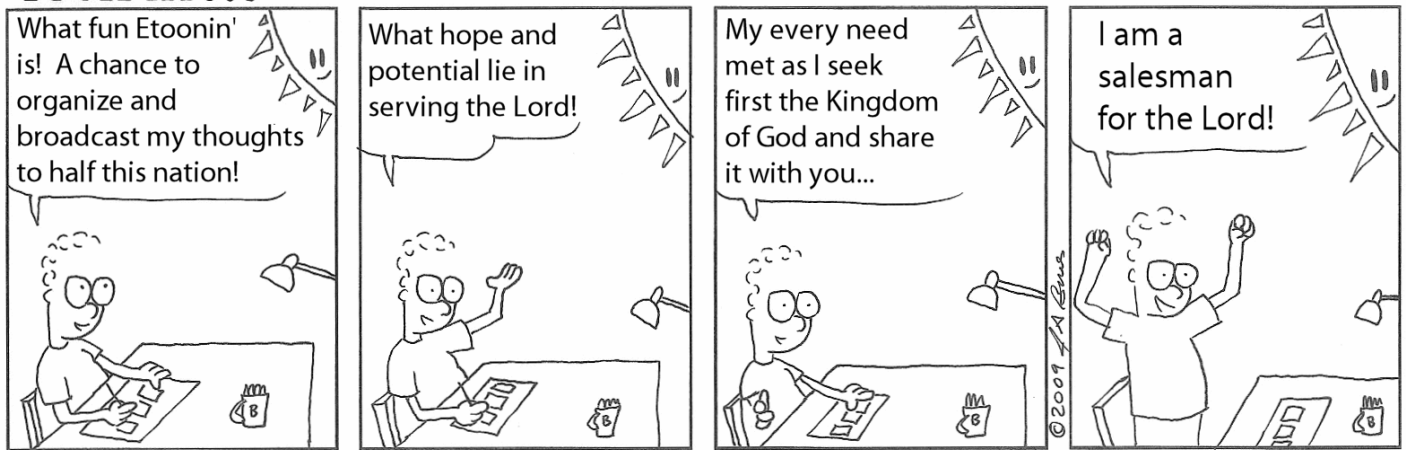
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Pictures from Puerto Rico



From Top Left: 1. Puerto Rico! 2. Jim & Alex (my cousin). 3. Granny meets Amalia, her great-granddaughter.
From Btm Left: 4. Jule & Oscar at the altar. 5. Jule & Jim. 6. Sunrise from the Fajardo Apartment. Yay!