



The Wyoming Reader

what, why, who, when and where

I plan to rent out my condo and move to Wyoming for one semester of Graphic Design at Northwest College. I am doing this for the sole purpose of adventure. I will live with JEF, a friend from Christian circles. If God wills, I'll depart for Wyoming on August 18th and start school on August 24th. I'll live in Powell, WY:

2 hours east of Yellowstone. Powell is a town of 5,500 people surrounded by mountains. Winters are mild, in the 40's: no snow, no plows. The precipitation averages 6 in/yr. From WY, I'll reach out to the Mormons by visiting Utah. I'll visit Colorado too. A Chinese friend from California might visit me. I welcome your visit also. If you'd like to move to WY with me, I welcome that too. The main purpose is to have fun. I raise my plans up to the Lord. In Him I trust.

I am halfway through the planning stages. I am verifying one application to rent my condo. I would accept this candidate. I've had three people view my place in one week. My condo management company will handle maintenance at a cost of 7% of rent per month. Rent is \$725/mo. This is priced for a quick rental (\$50 below market value). The end of August is free, another incentive. I'll rent out my condo no matter what. If Northwest doesn't work out, I'll travel. But I am hoping God will come through. I want to go to Northwest. I'll get in, but two of my classes have only 1 slot left. If filled before I get accepted, I can't register for them. One class, Adobe Illustrator, is the most important class for me. Without it, there is no reason for school. Once accepted, there are other hurdles. I'd need to transfer my federal financial aid loans from Mt. Wachusett to Northwest. I'm not sure how easy this will be. Then I'd need housing. Northwest has on campus apartments. They rent at \$325/mo for a studio. I'd like to try renting a 2BR with JEF, a non-student. Chances are unlikely if they operate like the New England. Priscilla, my cat, will come, much to her dismay. I don't think she'll enjoy 4 days in a car. I could also ship her via plane at a cost of \$175. These things I'll research at the proper point.



After Wyoming, I'd move to Dallas, Texas for the Spring of 2010. I know three different people groups there. One's offered me a bed for two weeks until I find my own housing. I'd continue Graphic Design in TX at North Lake College, if they have the right classes. I'm on the 4 semester, 4 state program! I'd return to Mt. Wachusett after Dallas to finish my Associates degree. I'm mainly interested in Graphic Design as a tool for my Cartooning career, but I'd like to complete the degree. If God wills, maybe I would enjoy web design as a freelance business. A self-supported Etoonin' ministry is preferred. Bipolar Disorder prevents this thus far. In June 2010 I would go to Anchorage, Alaska for two weeks to visit the land of the midnight sun. I'd rather fly there.

BACKUP PLANS: If Northwest doesn't work, I'd spend 2 months in WY and 2 months in TX traveling. I'd find a willing friend to watch Priscilla. I'd miss her: I hope Northwest works out! Then I'd return to MA for Mt. Wachusett in the Spring of 2010. I'd take Illustrator then. I'd rent a place in Gardner, near school. There rent is \$800 for a 2 BR.

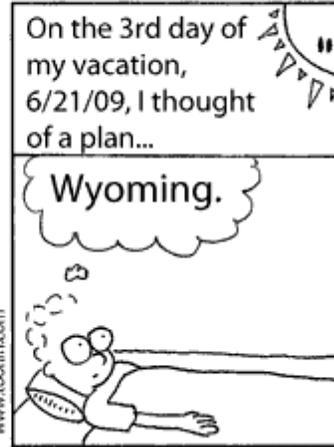
NOTE: All plans subject to change at the whims and fancies of Jim Bures. Current plans do not guarantee future results. All plans put forth before the Lord for guidance and reconciliation. Making the insane sane: my God - Jesus Christ.

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So, that's my story and I'm stickin' to it! Thanks for toonin' in! I hope you enjoy this batch of cartoons which eloquently demonstrates the thought process behind what I have already explained. We are here to serve you, Etoonin'. The straight line is unraveling from the crooked path that I take. I'm going to Heaven and I'd like to take you with me and I hope to explain more about that as you continue to read your Etoonin' subscription. Heaven is not just a place with pearly gates and clouds in the air: the Kingdom of Heaven is now and the Kingdom of Heaven is here. Heaven is with God, wherever you are. Life only gets better forever and ever when You know Him. Soli Deo Gloria, Love, Jim Bures

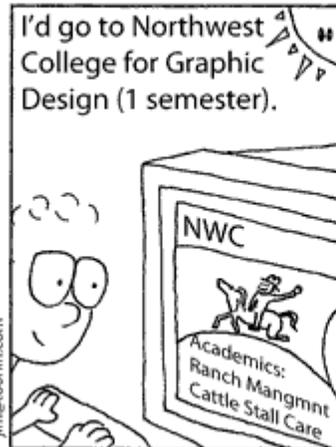
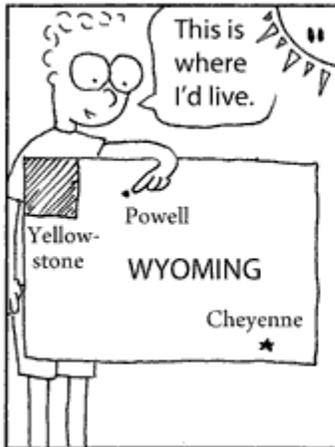
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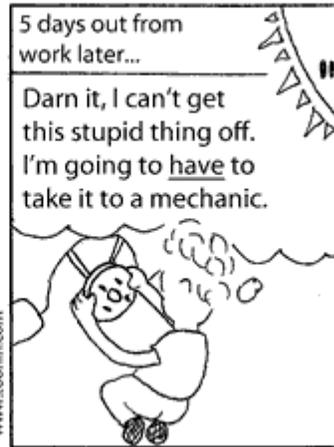
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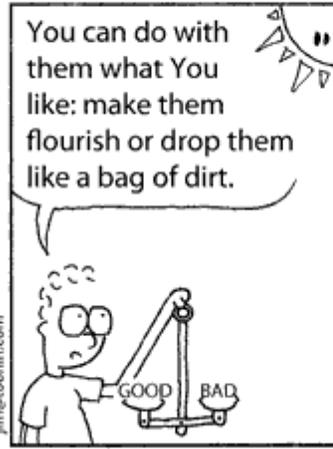
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JULY 10^{3/4}, 2009



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JULY 13TH, 2009

I don't feel like drawing any cartoons, Lord!

But I've got quotas to meet...

Oh, and also, the Ghana School Project fundraiser and June Christmas card were a big flop. We only raised \$55. But one person subscribed!

GSP

My Dad donated \$2,000 but that's only because he doesn't like to ask for money himself. So there goes his retirement, Lord!

Like father, like son. Now neither of us will have any savings. But we both trust in You and give away money we don't have.

the DEBT to DOLLARS giving program

toon in'...

JULY 13^{1/2}, 2009

I didn't really want to be here drawing cartoons but I couldn't fall asleep and I was starting to have new crazy plans...

As if WY was not enough.

I placed an ad on craigs list to rent my condo and got my first response. It took 3 hours.

I thought it was a hoax.

Now I can't stop idealizing how things will go: this person will love my place and be the perfect tenant.

But I do have all the rental forms ready and a good idea how to screen tenants.

What do You think, Jesus, will I get burnt?

You'll do fine.

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JULY 13^{2/3}, 2009

Just to show you how my mind works, I'll give you an illustration:

Today I went to the bank and noticed they were giving away 20,000 miles in gasoline.

Now the brochure said:

The miles of smiles Sweepstakes.

Every time you use your debit card, you enter to win enough gas to drive 20,000 miles*. That's enough to get to Anchorage, Alaska and back!

(*an \$1800 value)

And I thought:

I'm going to Anchorage next summer: maybe this is how God will provide for me to get over there!

Not the best way to think. But I prayed about it anyway. We'll find out Sept. 18th.

Lord, if I win that lottery, I'll give 2,000 miles to You.

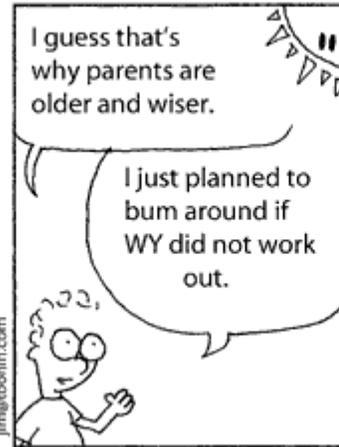
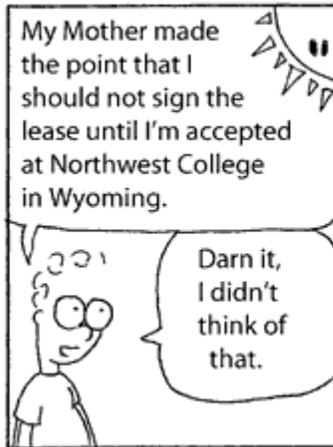
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JULY 14TH, 2009



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JULY 14^{1/2}, 2009



Which would actually save me even more money...

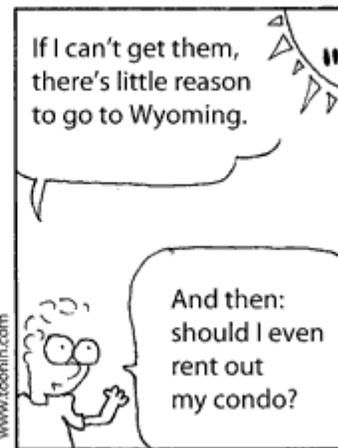
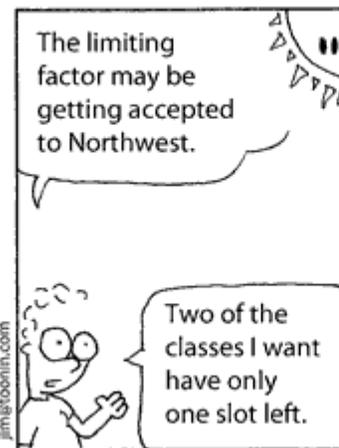
Monthly Analysis	WY	Nowhere
Current	\$940	\$940
Rental Loss	-264	-264
Rent	-325	-0
Savings	\$350	\$675

But would be difficult to maintain.



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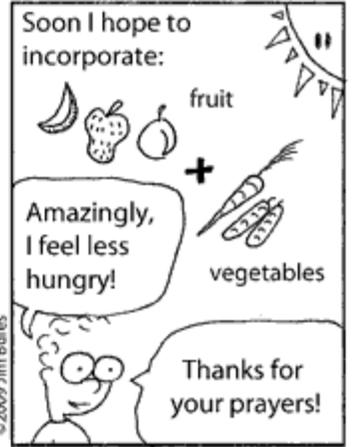
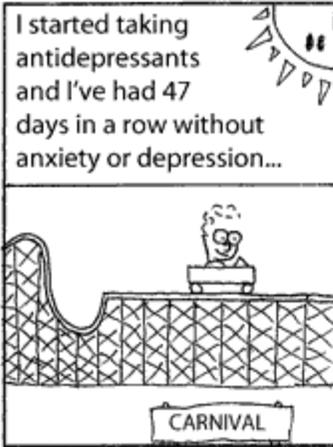
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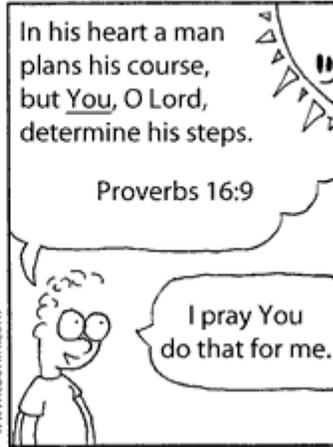
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