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The Melancholic Cauliflower

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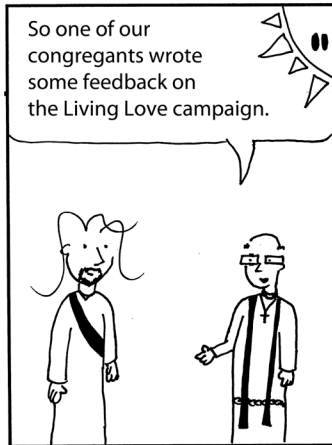
This issue is a little light on cartoons. I try to get seven per issue, but I haven't been drawing as much. This year we had 15 people, including one child, at my annual Christmas Carol Party. It was a lot of fun. We sang carols and Mei-Lin Po,

a storyteller, told two tales: the Grinch and the Birth of Jesus. Finally, we watched the Charlie Brown Christmas Special. I also watched that at my sister's house with Oscar, Jule and their two sons, who were extraordinarily quiet for it.

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The bully pulpit...

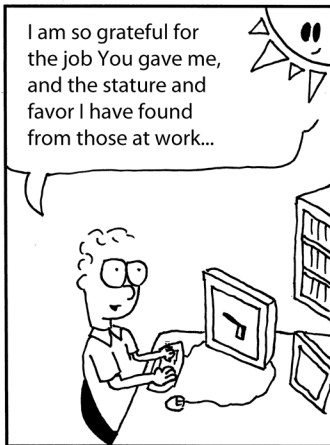
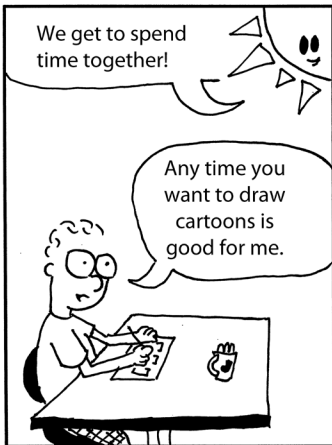
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The Christmas Carol Party

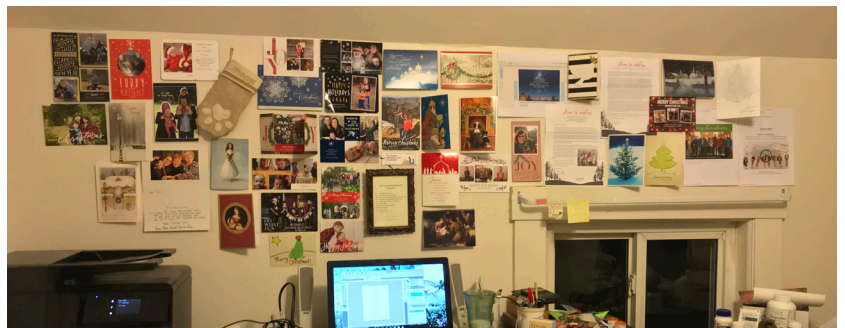
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This is my new car, a 2007 Honda Fit, named "Mr. Peterson." He replaces my 2004 Toyota Prius, "Skye", who has gone to the great big junkyard in the sky. I paid cash for this new car. It drove me 1,600 miles on a quick jaunt down south: the first road trip in this new car. It has tight steering / handling.

Here Mr. Peterson is pictured at work. I've been with Endo Evolution for four months now. It's going great; I feel so blessed. The boss is very generous, kind and appreciative. He is also very hands off, which I like. I have my own office and my coworker, Jenn, is fun to talk to. People value me.



I got a new iPhone 7+. I bought this Speck case decorated by Zazzle. I love showing off my family!

My brother and I compete to determine who gets the most Christmas Cards. I sent out 98 cards and got 41 in return. My brother lost at 36.

Now that I am doing better financially, I may try dating. I signed up for Christian Mingle, but sorta felt like I was cheating on God. I have been expressing what I call the Great Loneliness. I can't determine what I need to fix this, but at times I feel so lonely that it hurts. I cry before God, and I have been asking for what I need, because I, myself, do not know. Chris, Ally and I have been reading through the Bible on a one year plan. The Old Testament stories highlight how strict God was. One little wrong move and characters got swift punishments. I am trying to understand Jesus from this Old Testament position. I think Christians would say that God sees Jesus when He looks at us, but I say no. He must see the same kinds of faults that He saw in all those Old Testament folks. I guess that now, Jesus intercedes for us, and God may be more forgiving. I know that we do not have to worry, because God loves us unconditionally. But He was so strong against the Old Testament folks.

I am also sensing that I appear to others a regular person that happens to talk about God a lot. I am struggling with this: do others really see the light when they get to know me? Or do I just appear a regular, flawed person like everyone else? It is tough to think about, but as we read the Bible together, maybe I'll get more answers. I know I am saved and gain entrance to Heaven through accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior, but I struggle with this life. It feels like something horrible is broken in me, broken down to the core of my being. I suspect this is the broken condition created by the fall. When God draws close to me, I pull back, cry and hide my face. Yet these times feel cathartic as well. I find myself wondering if I can even be made whole in this world. How will I stand before God in the next? In trying to understand God and my life, I find myself melancholic often. I prefer sadness to happiness and I love to cry. I just don't know. Isn't there anyone who knows what Jim Bures is all about?

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