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**BWAAAH!!**



OH NO-  
NOT AGAIN!



EARLY NOVEMBER. TIME TO DISCUSS  
THE CHRISTMAS CARD.

SO, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT  
THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CARD?

UM, YES...



AND... ?

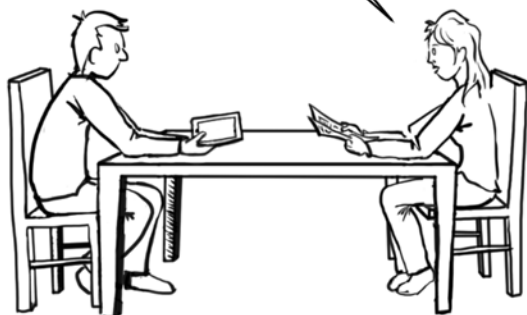
I'VE THOUGHT  
ABOUT IT.



HM. IT JUST SEEMS LIKE  
YOU ALWAYS WAIT UNTIL THE  
LAST MINUTE AND THEN YOU  
SPEND ALL YOUR VACATION  
TIME DOING  
**BURNHAMISH**  
AND WE NEVER  
SEE YOU...



...JUST DON'T GET OVERLY  
AMBITIOUS LIKE YOU DID LAST  
YEAR. DESPITE WHAT YOU  
MIGHT THINK, WE LIKE TO  
SPEND TIME WITH YOU DURING  
CHRISTMAS BREAK.




DON'T WORRY- I  
HAVE IT ALL  
WORKED OUT IN  
MY HEAD. I JUST  
HAVE TO GET IT  
DOWN ON PAPER.



I'M JUST  
SAYIN'...

JOHN SITS DOWN AT HIS  
COMPUTER, READY TO  
PUNCH OUT A *BURNHAMISH*.

A black and white line drawing of a man sitting at a desk, viewed from above. He is wearing a long-sleeved shirt and a watch on his left wrist. He is looking at a computer monitor and typing on a keyboard. A clock on the wall shows the time is approximately 1:50. The man is looking at the monitor, which is displaying a large, stylized letter 'A'. The keyboard is a standard QWERTY keyboard. The man's hands are positioned over the keyboard. The desk is a simple horizontal line. The background is a plain wall with a clock. The clock face is circular with a thick border and has two hands. The man's head is at the bottom of the frame, and his arms are extended upwards towards the keyboard. The monitor is at the top of the frame, and the keyboard is in the middle. The man's body is centered in the frame. The overall style is a simple line drawing with no shading.

AND, AS ALWAYS...

GOOD LORD, I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING!

A simple line drawing of a man's head and shoulders. He has a distressed expression, with his eyes closed and a frown. His hands are pressed against his temples, and there are three small circles above his head, suggesting a headache or intense stress.

DID WE ACTUALLY *DO* ANYTHING THIS YEAR?

NO BIG HOME PROJECT...

...NO VACATION...

...NO EMPLOYMENT CRISIS.

...NO VACATION...

TOMORROW I'LL JUST ASK EVERYONE WHAT THEY DID. I NEED TO GET SOME SLEEP.

**ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ...**

A black and white cartoon illustration of a man sitting in an office chair at a desk, leaning forward with his head resting on his hand, appearing to be asleep. A computer monitor is visible on the desk to his right. The entire scene is enclosed within a rectangular frame.

Here we are in the waning days of 2013, or the early days of 2014, depending on when you receive this in the mail, and I find myself struggling to recount the events of the previous 12 months. There was no epic vacation, no major home project, no change of employment (thank goodness), and no mortal injuries. We did not win Mega Millions. As far as YOU know. My children's interests currently don't intersect with the realm of intramural sports and I did not pedal my ass across Iowa in July, so I have no tales of the human drama of athletic competition.

Never fear, Facebook to the rescue! I used to peruse thousands of digital photographs taken during the past year to jog my memory. No more, since Facebook was kind enough to summarize the last year of my life for me. I present to you my **Top 20 Events of 2013 According to Facebook!**

**January 20:** We went to the Museum of Science and Industry with my brother Jim and his family. This was the first time I visited the museum and did not go through the U505 Submarine.



**February 2:** Groundhog Day.

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**March 9:** Carolyn makes her first batch of home-made soap.

**April 26:** Brought my children to work with me.

**May 11:** Consumed a Three Floyd's Gumballhead.

**May 20:** Paved the path to the trampoline.

**June 3:** Posted photos of some concert posters I created.

**July 4:** Watched fireworks at Jim's house in Tremont, Illinois.

**July 5:** Captured video of Shae's completed K'nex roller coaster in action.

**July 16:** Observed someone doing something really stupid.

**July 18:** Attended a taping of Wait! Wait! Don't Tell Me!

**August 6:** Reinstated Lauren's DeviantArt account, now that she turned 13.

**August 10:** Finally decided on a name for our new cat, Flynn.

**August 19:** Enjoyed an 18th Wedding Anniversary dinner at the Turf Room.

**September 14:** Toured the studios of Rhonda Gentry and the Greater Geneva Art Guild.

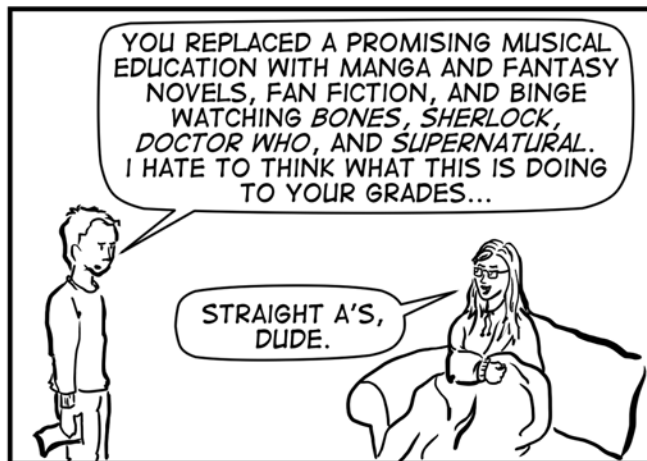
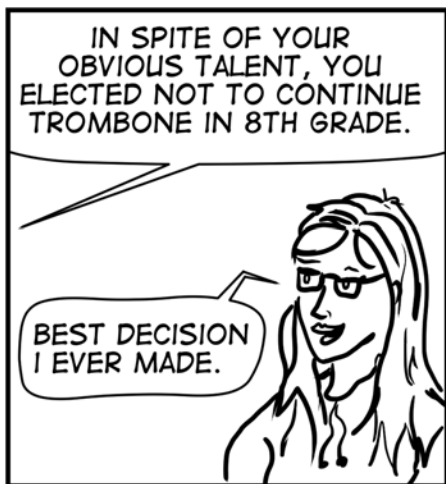
**October 6:** Did seasonal pumpkin-related activities and almost completed the corn maze at Marmion's Abbey Farms.

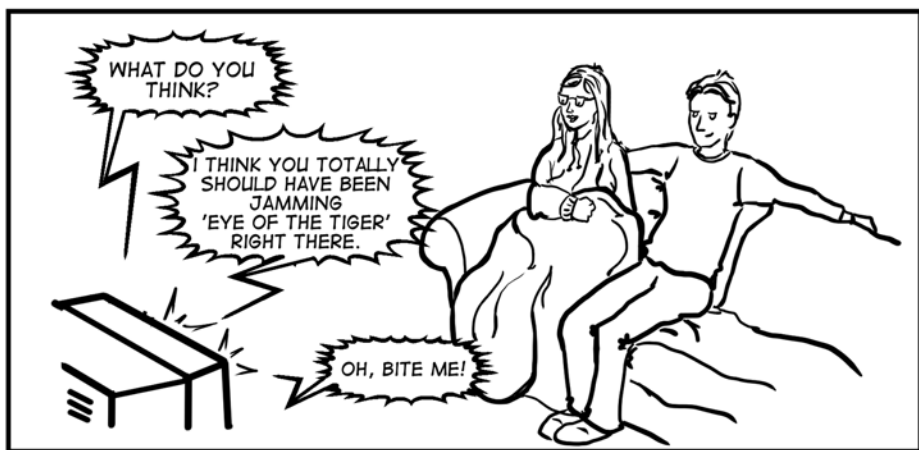
**November 2:** Carolyn makes her fourth batch of soap.

**November 29:** Sledged down the 11th fairway at the Leland Country Club.

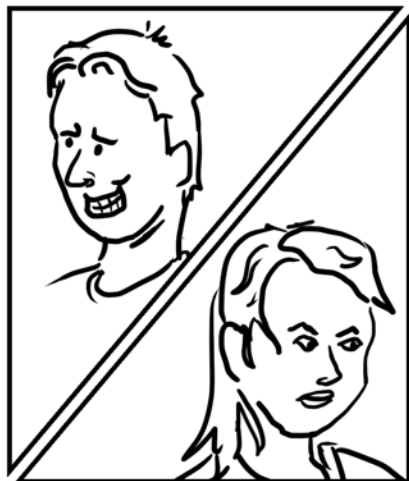
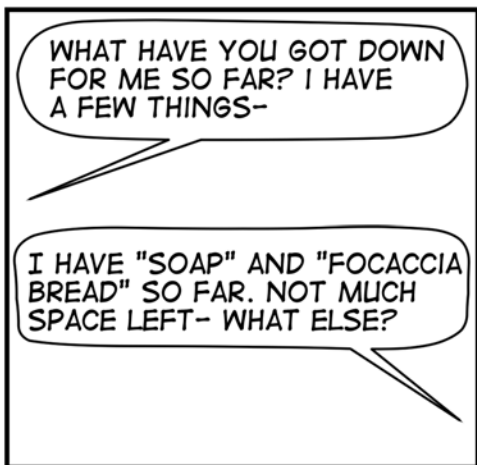
**December 5:** I wore two different-colored socks.













**WHAT READERS ARE SAYING ABOUT**

**BURNHAMISH**

**"WORTH EVERY PENNY I PAID FOR IT!"**  
- WILLIAM TRAINOR

**"IT'S ALL TWADDLE, BUT AT LEAST  
IT IS ENTERTAINING TWADDLE"**  
- A.N. WILSON, THE DAILY MAIL

**"MEE-YAWN"**  
- FLYNN

**"MY HAIR DOES NOT  
LOOK LIKE THAT"**  
- CAROLYN

**"IF DOUGLAS ADAMS, DAVE BARRY,  
AND NEIL GAIMAN HAD A BABY, THIS IS  
THE NEWSLETTER HE WOULD WRITE- BUT  
HE'D GET HIS PANTS SUED OFF BECAUSE  
BURNHAM HAS ALREADY WRITTEN IT!"**  
- JOHN LANCHESTER, LONDON REVIEW OF BOOKS