

# 2011 X.R.A.Y.

## Xmas Readiness Alternative survey

### WHO I AM

- In case you all forgot my name, date of birth, country of origin, current address and any other relevant statistical details, here's what you need to know:
  - **Evan Guynn**
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- The person who knows me better than most that can answer gift-giving questions about me: **IDK, my BFF Karin**  
The best way to contact them is: [karinguynn@gmail.com](mailto:karinguynn@gmail.com)
- My favorites: **thinking things I've never thought before, sitting and thinking some more. Daydreaming about someday becoming a shade tree mechanic and having a quirky "project car"**
- My least favorites: **Facebook, excuses from people who know better**
- To blow off steam, I like to: **have a good laugh, or an engaging conversation with someone interesting**

### WHAT I DID THIS YEAR

- A few things that happened this year that I expected:
  - **paid off our second car**
  - **had (by the time most people read this, hopefully) our first baby**
  - **left my old job, got a new job—fortunately**
  - **moved to a new house, in anticipation for the baby**
- A few things that happened this year that I didn't expect:
  - **crashed our second car (see above)**
  - **bought a new second car with the insurance money**
- In my travels this year, I made it as far as: **Utah, for Kelsey's graduation, and Michigan/Indiana/Chicago, for Kelsey's wedding**  
As a result, I learned to appreciate: **the radiant joy of others' milestone occasions, and all the good times I've had so far in 5 years of being married to Karin**
- This year my coworkers/colleagues/classmates at \_\_\_\_\_...  
...have taught me how much I enjoy (and desire): **spending time with Karin, anticipating spending time with the baby, having time for other interests**  
...have taught me how much I dislike (and want no part of): **office politics, busy season hours, family drama**
- Projects/repairs...  
...I worked on this year:
  - **baby stuff accumulating (ongoing, I'm sure), lawn care, gutter cleaning, old house fixing...well, only some of the superficial stuff**
- ...I should have worked on:
  - **planning for the financial future, learning how to make rain at work**
- My spare time was filled up with: **job hunting, moving out of our apartment, moving into our house, recovering from a hurricane in August, getting ready for the baby, recovering from a freakishly early snowstorm in October, and trying to rekindle my long-dormant reading habit**

### WHAT I EAT

- Foods I have to avoid because of medication/distaste/diet: **mushrooms, sliced tomatoes (other formats are fine)**
- Foods I can not only eat, but also enjoy: **I'm a fairly equal-opportunity enjoyer, as long as it's a good recipe**
- I'd be really excited if someone made me homemade **Pie, either sweet or savory**
- When I don't cook, I like these people/places to cook for me: **anything that lets me have a nice dinner with Karin**

### WHAT I WANT

- As far as clothing and accessories go...  
...I'd love to receive: **pants/shirts for looking nice during off-duty hours (nights, weekends, etc)**  
...I don't need any more: **business casual/dress shirts, boring black socks**

- I've read/watched/heard about these books/movies that I would love have my own copy of: Theodore Rex and Colonel Roosevelt by Edmund Morris, 1493 by Charles Mann, or a favorite fiction book of the giver (I have a harder time finding interesting reads in this genre)  
In this format: old-fangled paper books work best
- Seeing the Christmas advertisements, a few items I'd like to own but would never buy myself are: Being a non-TV owner, I can only imagine what they're showing this year (though it always seemed like they wanted you to buy a bigger, newer TV for some reason). I'd probably say either an official Red Ryder, carbine action, 200-shot range model air rifle with a compass in the stock and this thing which tells time or else a Peter Pollywog patrol frog that swims and blows up. Or a weekend at a track driving school.

#### **THE FUTURE (REAL OR IMAGINARY)**

- What I'm looking forward to in the future year: Taking a real vacation in the summertime
- What I'm not looking forward to in the year to come: diapers
- Next year I plan to: fill up my new bookshelf with interesting books and memories