

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: **Matt Cooley, Feb, 15, 1988. United States of America, 1114 F St NE, Washington DC, 20002**
- The person who knows me better than most that can answer gift-giving questions about me:
The best way to contact them is: **Caitlin. Call her?**
- A few things I'd like everyone to know about me: **Music is my life. I'm a huge nerd. I love zombies. I love tattoos. I like to cook and read.**
- My favorites: **Caitlin, music, tattoos, horror movies, biking, food, books, technology, green tea, hot sauce.**
- My least favorites: **Forgetting my headphones, cold weather, closed-mindedness**
- Due to stress/lack of stress/inactivity/activity/some combination of these, I'm currently wearing these sizes: **Pants- 32W/34L, T-shirts, button downs, hoodies- M**
- To blow off steam, I like to: **Play guitar. Ride my bike. Listen to music. Read.**
- While surfing the internet, I tend to gravitate to these sites: **Sweetwater.com, Musiciansfriend.com, zzounds.com, Twitter.com. woot.com, dealspl.us,**
What my surfing habits say about my personality: **I'm obviously guilty of wanting a lot of things I can't have.**

WHAT I DID THIS YEAR

- A few things that happened this year that I expected: **Moved into a nicer apartment with Caitlin, never get to see her because we're both always working.**
- A few things that happened this year that I didn't expect: **Got a promotion at my day job, found an investor for my recording studio.**
- In my travels this year, I made it as far as: **Georgia**
- As a result, I learned to appreciate: **That traveling requires time and money, of which I have none. However this will not stop me from seeing the world some day.**
- Projects/repairs...
...I worked on this year: **Painting the new apartment, building my new bike, being a good boyfriend.**
...I should have worked on: **Taking more time for Caitlin and I**
- My spare time was filled up with: **Spare what?**

WHAT I EAT

- Foods I have to avoid because of medication/distaste/diet: **Foods high in sodium, so basically all my favorites.**
- Foods I can not only eat, but also enjoy: **A good sub, Latin food, steak**
- I'd be really excited if someone made me homemade **beef jerkey.**
- I've now become obsessed with cooking/making/consuming the following food(s): **not much time to cook lately...**
- When I don't cook, I like these people/places to cook for me: **Potbellys, Qdoba, Teatism, Asia 9, Harry's, the list goes on.**

WHAT I WANT

- As far as clothing and accessories go...
...I'd love to receive: **Dress shirts, shoes, jeans, button down flannels, Henley sweaters. Cold weather gear (I'm a sissy Florida boy)**
...I don't need any more: **T-shirts or slippers**
- I've read/watched/heard about these books/movies that I would love have my own copy of: **The new Stephen King, the 2nd and 3rd books in the Game Of Thrones series. The Walking Dead seasons 1-2.**
- Seeing the Christmas advertisements, a few items I'd like to own but would never buy myself are: **iPad (who's got 500 bucks?)**
- While at the local Goodwill/antique store/resale shop, I'm always on the lookout for: **Old musical instruments and records. Neat old clothes.**
- One of the coolest things I'd like to find in a dumpster/have found in a dumpster/have looked for in a dumpster this year: **I can say with absolute certainty that this idea has not crossed my mind, but I'll go try Apples dumpster and look for an iPad. I'll let you know what I find.**

THE FUTURE (REAL OR IMAGINARY)

- What I'm looking forward to in the future year: Opening my recording studio. Buying a car.
- What I'm not looking forward to in the year to come: The stress that comes with opening my recording studio and buying a car.
- Next year I plan to: Spend MUCH more time with Caitlin than I did this year.