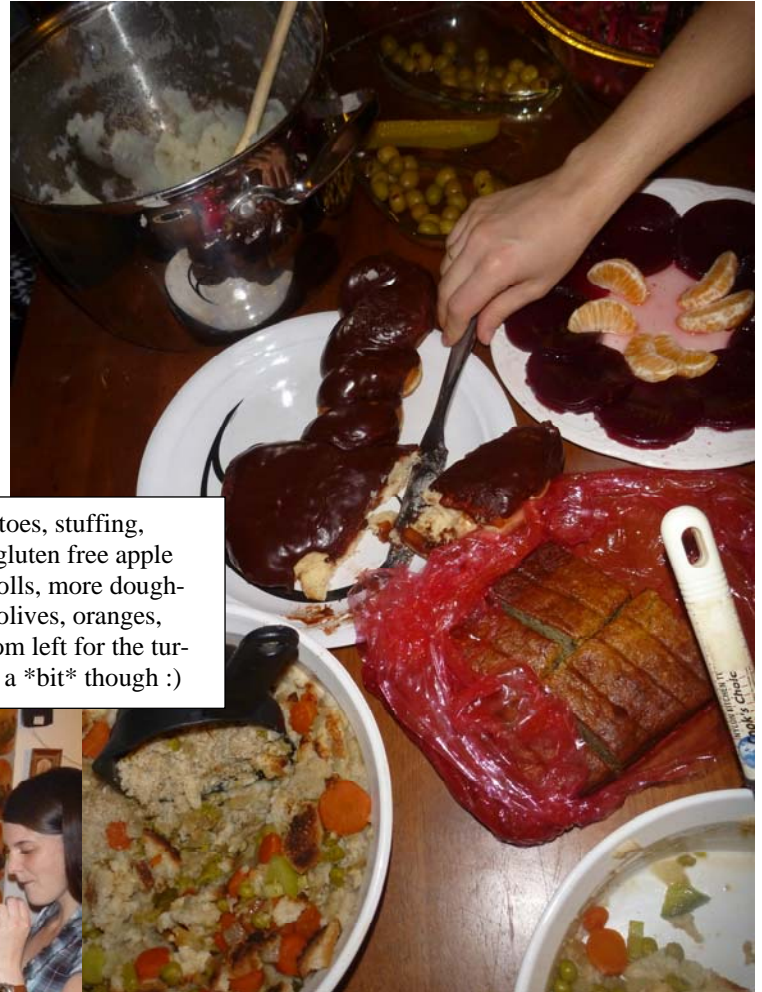


Dave's Blarg!

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Wooot! Friendsgiving was the best!! The Tur-Duc-Hen took *FOREVER* to cook, but we managed to tide ourselves over somehow.... :D



Voodoo Doughnuts, Sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, banana bread, gluten free apple pie, nothing free pumpkin pie, rolls, more doughnuts, regular potatoes, pickles, olives, oranges, salad, we almost didn't have room left for the tur-duc-hen :p (we managed to find a *bit* though :)



And yes, my kitchen is the cheeseburger cave :D



There's some apple pie under there... somewhere...



Hint - Just because the (apparently plastic faced) meat thermometer *can* read above 100 degrees, doesn't mean that it *likes* to be there...
(Thankfully Kathy came through with the wireless Oregon scientific meat thermometer for the win :D)



Kathy really makes the cheeseburger cave look good :)

After *only* five hours (we really shouldn't have opened the oven to watch it cook, should we :p) it was READY!!!!!! Kathy got out the Dr. Frank-N-Furter electric knife and carved up a storm :D We were a bit suspicious of the 'cook in plastic bag' instructions, but this bird came out *SO INCREDIBLY JUICY!!!!* It was *Awesome*!!! The near complete lack of bones was *awesome* too :D

So many awesome folks brought over *SO* much good food :D It was awesome having everyone over. I love having folks over to my place, even if it's borderline too small , that just makes

The funny part of this picture is that even though Cheyenne just had Danielle pushed across her, I think she's looking at something that Nick just said...



Hooray for converted bedroom :)



This caption is just here to cover up what Hai-Yue was looking up on my phone :)



Mmmmm, leftover Stew :)

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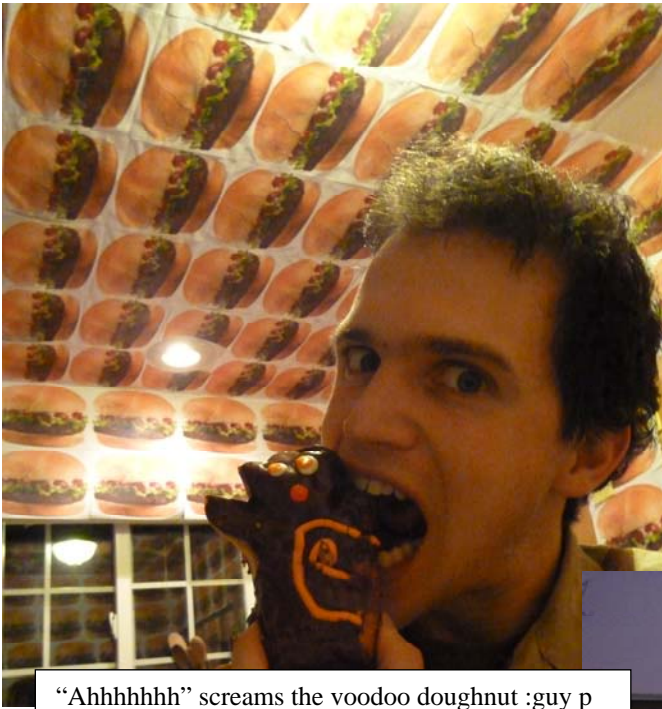
I converted the futon in my bedroom for like the first time in years, and we managed to squeeze everyone in :) Also, the number one sign that you have *AWESOME* friends is that your place looks like this after the party is over :)



We're discussing the republican candidates :p



This right here is how you can tell that you have the best friends on earth. This is my apartment *after* the party. You know who you are, and you rule.



“Ahhhhhhh” screams the voodoo doughnut :guy p

Then out into the cold :)



The sparkles in this picture are pure, raw scintillating cold



Last year this picture would have had sleet in it, I'll take the fog :)

And off into the fog to head for the race :)



We kept warm by the people cookers while we waited for the race to start :)

Hooray for the people Cooker :)

One thing that I *LOVE* about races is that they always have *tons* of food for you at the "Aid" stations :)



And double hooray for the people troughs :D



The guy behind us was laughing at me doing the one arm shot of both of us, so he offered to take our picture as we all ran :D

And then we were off!!!



That guy in the green :)



Yup, muddy....



This picture is literally half a second before I ran into a tree, thankfully it was a small one :) (now that I look at Stephanie's smile, I think that she *may* have seen the tree coming..... Hmmm....)



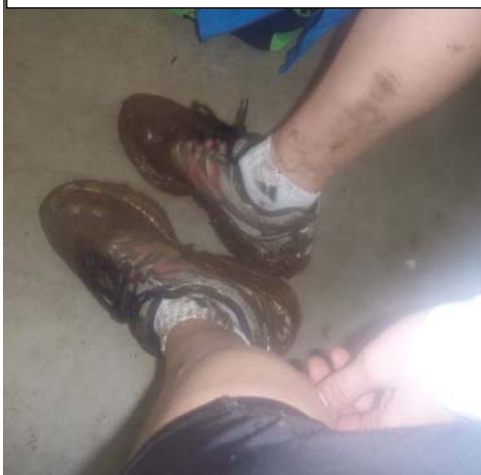
I'm going to have to have a talk with the camera guy, he kept getting all my worst moments...

Something that I may have not mentioned (often enough) is that I *love* running with Stephanie :) We always have a blast, and we both make each other run faster :) The race was *super* muddy, but at least it wasn't as cold as last year :)

The fog does make for cool pictures :)



Hooray mud :) I can still pick out the socks that I wore to the race last year. I don't know what is in this mud, but it doesn't wash out easily...



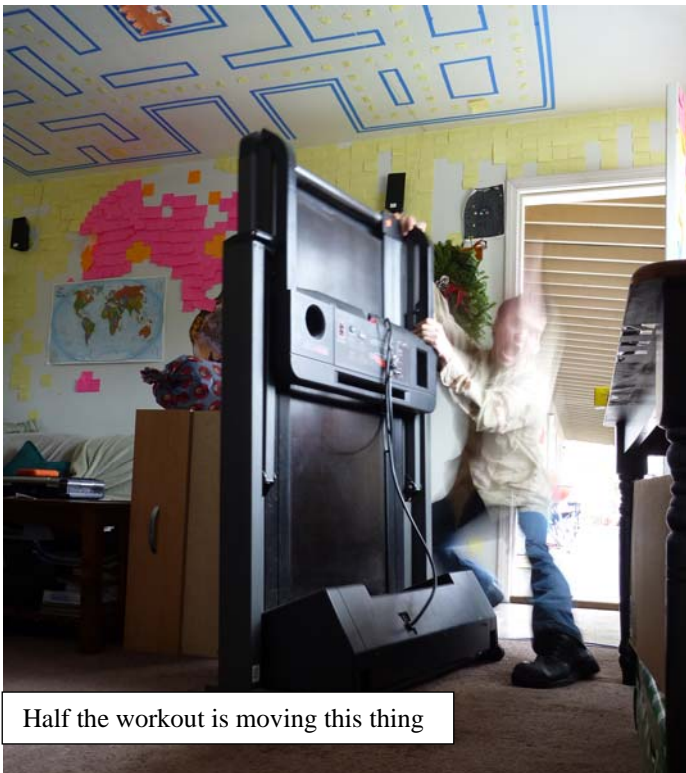
But yeah, to summarize the summary of the summary, the race went really well. We didn't get *too* cold, even if there was still a good bit of mud :)



After the race, Marco, Cheyenne and Danielle showed up to go to the hot springs with Toby, Stephanie, and I :) The hot springs are.... Jeans and t-shirt



optional, so there aren't a lot of pictures of that, but the view was awesome, and a nice hot soak was just what the doctor ordered after the icy cool race :) Dani wasn't able to make it up for the race, but we took a pic with her too :(



Half the workout is moving this thing

Thumbs up for a one-arm shot while carrying the treadmill :D



[Sniffle Sniffle]

Sunday was awesome, I actually got a writeback to my craigslist ad!!! It wasn't to the ad that I'd *really* been hoping got a response, but I suppose that getting rid of a broken treadmill is good too :) I bought this treadmill off of craigslist almost three years ago and it helped me loose like 20# over a six week cruise, so here I am completing its life cycle :) Sadly the guy who picked it up was going to use it to make a variable speed bandsaw, but at least



Here comes your ride Mr. Treadmill!



Hooray Space! :)

a portion of it will live on :) It'll be nice having the extra space, now about that tv.... (looks up projectors)....



Kristin's gift passed preliminary flight testing in the cave :)

After that I took my Christmas gifts from Kristin for a test spin, and I wrapped a few of my own :) I started to run out of packing materiel, so some of you will be getting a few extra items :D :D



Wooot! I hope that these sweet shorts don't overshadow the actual gift.....



Leftover ~~Dog~~ *human* toys from my birthday gift bags :)



And who doesn't want some full length non-thermal undies :)



Honestly though, who *wouldn't* want cheetah girls wrapping paper :)

The lamest thing happened this year, I had some gift to wrap that I just didn't feel appropriate being myself while wrapping :(Hint, if you got cheetah girls wrapping paper or spider man wrapping paper, you're some of my favorite people :D (or your gift was too big for the spider man wrapping paper I had :p)

I was planning to head north on Sunday, but I kind of took my time. I also had some car parts come in that I figured would be better off installed than in the trunk. I didn't get many good pics of the installation because it was so dark, but there was some good car time had :)



Working on cars is hard work, good thing I had some nice healthy eats to tide me over :)

Also, I've heard that there are some readers out there who haven't been responding to the polls, you can respond by text, smoke signal or telegraph, so let's hear about your awkward gift giving stories! (and mine went really well, her dad (who at least pretends to like me :p) was outside, so we had a good chat and I snuck off before her mom saw me :p) It was a little extra bummer that we broke up because I had pretty good gifts picked out for the whole family this year :(She doesn't really even text much anymore, so it's probably going to be a while until I find out how they went over :((which is a super bummer, I was hoping that they'd all open them early :() Ga! Overshare!! Okay, you guys should all overshare something back if you don't have an awkward gift-giving story :) Have a great day!

-Dave

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