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... her husband was taking pictures, they were looking for security and were basically ready to sue someone....gotta love Americans and their lawsuits.

the next weekend we went to Houston. though i'm a huge fan of texas, houston is not my favorite part of it. the weather was kind of crazy, but still really nice. 80 degrees on the day i arrived, 60 the next day. pretty big jump, but i happen to prefer the cooler weather. the show seemed to be bigger and better than last year, which is always a plus. there was a big "nutcracker" convention going on next to the motorcycle show, which i initially thought sounded kind of strange. a convention of nutcrackers? seriously? no, not seriously. it was actually supposed to be a big christmas themed convention. there was tons of christmas stuff there, but there was also lots of food (and lots of yummy samples), jewelry, clothing, etc. interesting to see, and in true brianna form, i bought nothing but food.

speaking of food, the astrodome (where the show was) left a lot to be desired in the way of food. i waited over 30 minutes in a line to get my lunch. all i ordered was a cheesesteak. that took at least 25 minutes and when it came out, it was a piece of beef that looked like a pork chop (bones and all), piled with peppers, onions, and who knows what else. even the cashier asked the food preparer if it was supposed to be a cheesesteak. so she totally understood when i didn't want to take it. i said chicken fingers would work instead. i saw about 20 people leaving with them while i waited for my "cheesesteak" and they looked half decent. well, no more chicken fingers left. so i ended up with an overcooked hamburger that i really didn't want. yum. next day it took about 15 minutes to get a cup of fries. it was incredible.

and, that brings me to my most recent trip: Ft. Worth, TX. i like ft. worth. it's a good place. i went to a pawn shop and got 9 dvds for \$30. i was, and still am, very excited about that! i haven't even seen 4 of the movies i bought but i figured it's cheaper than renting them. i get really excited about good deals on movies, music, electronics, etc.

ft worth was another good show. also seemed busier than last year which was great. there was some drama there due to another vendor that was present, but i won't get into that. we were still busy and continue to find more and more customers that are amazed at what we do.

and of course the best part of ft worth? the food (you had to know that was coming). It worth is one of the homes to one of the best restaurants out there: TEXAS DE BRAZIL. If you haven't gone to one, you need to do so. there aren't too many around the country yet, but they are slowly growing. The place is incredible. There is a big soup and salad bar (all you can eat). Other than that, you sit at your table with a card that is green on one side, red on the other. Just as you would expect, green means go, red means stop. When you have the green side face up, tons of dudes with different types/cuts of meat come by your table. If you want some of it, they slice it off right there and put it on your plate. Filet mingnon, flank steak, parmesean crusted pork (my favorite), pork tenderloin, bacon wrapped steak and chicken, lamb, just to name a few. you also get yummy mashed potatoes, although i am usually so focused on the meat that the potatoes hardly get touched. I know i talk about food a lot, but this place seriously is amazing. I'm getting hungry just thinking about it. mmmm....

my plane rides have been pretty interesting. i took a 5 hour flight on us airways, and they provided us with a 1 ounce bag of "mini pretzels". mini pretzels, in case you didn't know, are actually mini pretzel sticks. combined, the whole bag is equivalent to a MAXIMUM of four regular sized pretzel sticks. judging by what you've read above, i'm sure you realize that i was not pleased with four pretzel sticks in five hours. on a 3.5 hour us airways flight they only gave us drinks. no snacks. i've flown to pittsburgh and been given snacks. but to texas? no snacks. nice. of course, then i fly on delta, which is bankrupt and i get a choice of 5 different snacks on a two hour flight. and guess who wants to buy delta out? us airways. guess i have to enjoy my snacks while they last...

now i have been home for a little over a week. it's been good for the most part. i finally had a chance to spend some time with my sister and my 3 month old neice. she is so adorable. i'd post pictures on here, but for some reason i don't like the idea of posting little kids pictures on the internet. i'm not usually the paranoid type but there are way too many weirdos out there...i'm not taking the chance with my neices and nephew. anyway, it's amazing how she has her own look. doesn't look a lot like anyone in particular. she's such a sweetheart.

on tuesday i worked and then hung out with my friend Kyle. we went bowling, and i got a kid's score. like a 10 year old kid. pretty pathetic. nobody peed on my car this time though which was a plus.

wednesday was a two job day, so work pretty much consumed the whole day. thursday was thanksgiving of course. spent the whole day with Rob and my family. lots of yummy food, lots of fun.

and yesterday, i began my journey into the world of weffriddles. if you don't know what that is, you may not want to. if you are anything like me there's a good chance it could consume your life. my aunt showed it to me on thanksgiving. on friday morning, i thought, "oh, i'll check that thing out". so, i went to www.weffriddles.com, and it was all over. it's just a these crazy puzzles/riddles that you have to solve to progress to the next level. i got totally sucked in yesterday, and accomplished nothing (except for making it to level 18). i finally tore myself away and tried to actually do stuff for a little bit. i got sucked back in briefly and then was totally stuck and walked away. spent a little time on it today and made it level 25. now i'm kind of stuck again. feel like i figured out the puzzle but it doesn't seem to like my answer. hmmm...anyway, it's really really addicting but there's a certain amount of gratification every time you beat a level. i love it, but i don't want to be blamed if anyone else tries it and gets totally consumed!

ok, now that i've finished writing what must be a very boring blog, i'm going to try to get past level 25. wish me luck!