

FRIDAY FOLLIES

April 2011



Hey! April 2011

Well, April was a very eventful month, that is for sure! Hope yours was filled with joy!

The weather turned nice and was actually 80 degrees on Easter Sunday. Needless to say, though, there were numerous storms and tornadoes. The worst spring for storms I have ever seen. With hurricane season approaching, it makes me a bit nervous. We were very lucky here in Virginia Beach, but the surrounding areas got **POUNDED!** And my family and friends in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee were, of course, the hardest hit. Just true tragedy. My home town is only 40 miles across the border from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, so it has been a very frightening month, as well. Prayers continue to go to the thousands in those areas.





On a brighter note, though, the month had high highs, as well. Kai was old enough this Easter to enjoy the festivities, which made it all the more fun for the adults. Jeremy is doing great, and Jessica and Ricky moved into their new home, so I had a lot of quality time with Kai. Wish there had been more I could do for them, but I know that at least helped.

My claim was finally approved for Social Security Disability this month. You would not believe all of the paperwork involved - massive. When you cannot use the phone, it makes dealing with bureaucracy a real pain - even more so than usual. I am thankful it was approved, though, and now will sort through all of the paperwork to get it straight between my insurance company and the SSD. Oh, joy!

This month also brought with it one of the worst sinus infections I have had in my life! I was very ill for over two weeks! Early on, I had invited a friend over for lunch to "catch up". I did not feel well, so I had to cancel and we rescheduled for a time I thought I would be feeling better.

Well, a week rolled by and on the day he was to come





to lunch, I felt much worse! Hated to “bail” on him twice, so kept it the same.

Ironically, one of my hearing aids broke and had to be sent back to the manufacturer. I was on a spare and could hear **NOTHING!** With the infection, I also could not taste or smell. I had been to the eye doctor for a post-op and they had dilated my eyes...**SOOO....** when he came for lunch, I could not **HEAR, SEE, SMELL, or TASTE!** Hahaha! I have no idea how the food was. I spiced and spiced and could not taste a thing. Must have been OK, though, because he went back for seconds on everything. Now how many times in your life can you say that you could not see, hear, smell or taste? It was the strangest day of my life! Ha! We had a good laugh about it and communicated the best we could!





Kai's first
Easter PEEP!



Along with all of the Easter fun, the weather was nice enough to have a couple of beach days. Even though I was ill (not contagious), I went a couple of days to the beach right down the street and just relaxed in the sun and soaked up the Vitamin D! It was GLORIOUS!

The end of April is also when my neighborhood (I love it) has a huge community sale. I had tons of stuff since I moved in this house late last summer and brought most of it with me not knowing what all I wanted or needed. I even had a washer, dryer, and frig. Those I had kept in case my kids needed them. They ended up not needing them so my garage was overflowing! MAN, it was time to clean out!

I had so much stuff, I could not believe it and I was determined that if it did not sell, it was going to the Salvation Army!





Well, it sold! Every bit of it! I had two bags of clothes and shoes, a few framed pictures, and three birdcages left over. I stacked them at the curb for pick-up. After walking Kai to the park, we came back and all of the birdcages and pictures were gone, too! Easy! I just loaded up the bags of clothes and took them to the Salvation Army! Piece of cake! Good money in my pocket and a beautiful, clean, organized garage to boot! I always swore I would never do another garage sale because they are so miserable, but this one was anything but miserable! Plus a friend surprised me and stopped by to help for a few hours knowing I might have trouble hearing folks. It was actually a blast!

And finally, it was warm enough to start my small garden. It is so much harder to establish a garden than to just go out and dig up where you were last year. Remember those nice raised beds I hired someone to build for me. Not this year! Anyway, I planted 12 Squash, 6 Eggplant, 3 Sweet Banana Peppers, 6 Hot Banana Peppers, 3 Bell Peppers, 3 Patio Tomatoes, 3 Burbee Big Boy Tomatoes, 3 Lemon Boy Tomatoes, 3 Better Boy Tomatoes, 6 Zinnias, 6 Marigolds, 6 Salvia, lots of Petunias (red and purple), Basil, Rosemary, Oregano, and Green Onions. Now I just need Geraniums for the yard and I will be finished! I hope it does well. I worry about it getting enough sunlight in this yard! We will see. I just have to try.





Listen to this... I dug up the garden and placed the garden paper about three or four weeks ago. The weather turned on me, so it sat until this past week. While planting, I was just “clipping” along, and when I cut a hole, I saw this thing. It looked like a rope. I remember thinking, “Now what is that rope doing there!” Just as I started to reach for it, my heart skipped a beat! Yup the coiled up rope started to move!!!! It was a “medium-sized” SNAKE. When I say that, it is because I am now safe in the house typing on the computer! At the time, it was a HUGE snake! I started to kill it and just couldn't! She had been there for awhile any may have had babies. She just slithered to another area where I had already planted underneath the tarp. I always put out a plastic snake to scare off the rabbits, birds, etc. so maybe a garden snake is not a bad thing. I hope it is a garden snake... Maybe I am also crazy, but I just could not kill her! Again, we will see. Snakes don't eat veggies, do they?

Kai and I also pulled out his “pup tent” and went camping in the front yard! He loved it. Here he is playing peek-a-boo, and having a camping snack! (Smile)

And finally, before the “Kai Page”, I wanted to tell you that if you are local, my Just Judi’s Pasta Sauces, Mustards, Jams, and Spreads are being sold in the deli at the new Jewish Mother at Hilltop. Awesome! Be sure to go in and check them out.

I may actually put some of my cookbooks up for sale in there, too, soon. Who knows, maybe paintings, too!

But be sure to go by there and buy your sauces! As many of you already know, they are great on meats, poultry, fish, and pork - not just biscuits!

Here’s to a great May for everyone! All I can say is it started off with a BANG! (Get it?) With Osama Bin Ladden gone, it was the best May Day I can ever remember!

Love to you all!





Kai Page!

To all of you on my Friday Follies List, whether you are in Manila, Singapore, Kuwait, Bermuda, Virginia Beach, Mississippi, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minnesota, Indiana, Colorado, Lake Tahoe, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Iraq, Costa Rica, Poland, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Saudi Arabia, New Hampshire, Tampa, Chattanooga, France, Phoenix, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Bangkok, or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week!

God bless.

Remember, life is short!

We need to make it a good one.

Grow in peace and wisdom.

Your Friday Friend,



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