

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Hey!

October 5, 2007

I did it! I bought an iPhone! I don't know when I have been more excited about a gadget!! Honestly, for me, I must say it was one of the best investments I ever could have made. I have not even downloaded all of my contact information on it yet, and still, it has been a God-send!

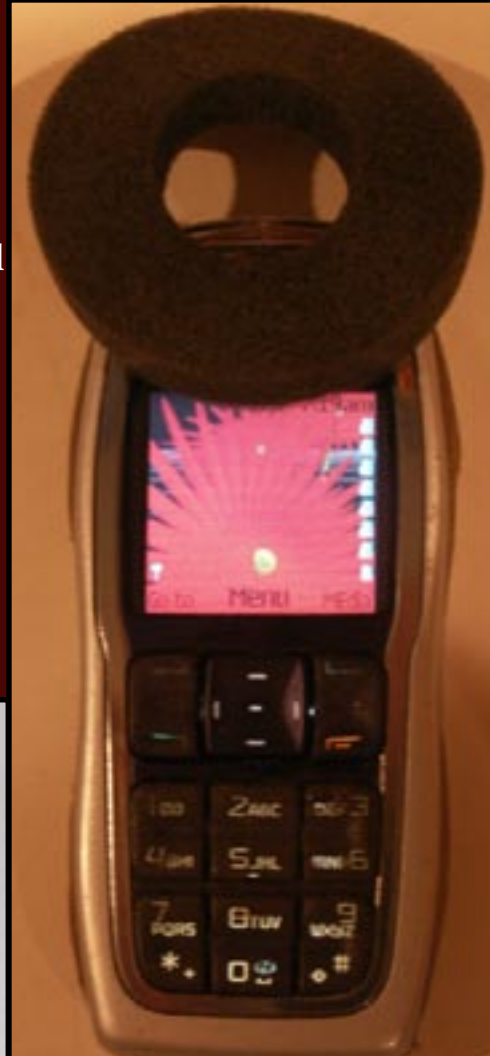
Not only is it cool, cool, cool! - but being hearing impaired, it is truly awesome. I text a great deal, and the new iPhone could not make it easier to text message. The keyboard pops up so it is just like typing on your computer keyboard, and it corrects almost every single typing error I make.

But that is not the real plus!!! I can HEAR on it! Honestly! I can! I talked to my sister and my brother at length on the phone this week and also to Jessica - with no trouble at all. I have no clue why, but I have a hard time understanding Jessica on the phone, so we text most of the time. Now I can really converse with her! Yippee! Both my sister and my brother have hearing loss as well, so for us to try to talk on the phone is a joke. Now we can! Just awesome!



Another reason - I felt myself becoming more and more shut-off and isolated. When the phone is difficult for you to use, well, just think about that. Folks stop calling you "just to chat" after awhile. Pretty soon, some of them don't ever think about calling you at all! You just kinda become "invisible," ya know? So, slowly you start missing out on a lot of life's little pleasures. Then you find that you stop calling other people and sometimes don't even return calls because it is so embarrassing... Also think about how many times you have to call a call-center to order something - to straighten out a bill - to check your balance at the bank - to order a pizza - to make a reservation - to purchase a plane ticket - to validate a new credit card - well, you get the idea - *constantly*. The clerks usually have foreign accents, and, well, it had become darn near impossible for me to do!

I did not want to give up on this and no one seemed to be able to suggest a solution - until I tried my iPhone! (smile) My options prior were to buy new hearing aids to the tune of \$8,000 - that's \$8,000 plus an annual \$500 warranty folks - none of which is covered by insurance! OUCH! I just could not do that. Then someone suggested I





try out a new Motorola or LG phones which supposedly have built in features for hearing aids. Those phones were going to be over \$250, were not that much better, and the texting was terribly difficult!

Something just told me that if an iPhone doubles as an iPod, then the volume and sound quality HAD to be good. It is. I am not saying I am not going to struggle at times, but it has already improved my outlook on life, I can tell you that! I feel connected again!

Hey - at the top of the previous page is my old phone which had to have a Styrofoam ear piece attached to keep my hearing aids from whistling... they still did.

At the bottom of that page is my new baby! Woo Hoo! Now I just have to chip away at uploading all of the information I want on it. That may takes weeks! Just be happy for me!

OK! It is October, and I am still bringing in tomatoes, herbs, eggplant, and peppers every other day. No rain in weeks! These photos are from Monday! I wonder how much longer it will produce? I have stopped watering to conserve water!





This past weekend was the big Neptune Festival here at “The Beach!” There were parties, concerts, sand castle competitions, parades, races, formal events, and the incredible Neptune Festival Art Show. Just an amazing time to live right “over the bridge” from it all.

I did not take photos of anything but Jessica running in her first race! I have gotten bad about that - must remember to take photos for you!

Jess has been training since the wedding and ran in her first ever 8K race. I was so proud of her. Her time was great, too - can't remember what it was - but it was good.

Here are photos on the left of Jess (#854) and one of her good friends, Laura, coming and going. I took these photos, then came home and did some chores while they finished up. They called me before I had finished to tell me they were already at breakfast and would order for me. I could not believe they finished that soon! A bunch of us met at The Jewish Mother for breakfast. Just great fun!

Then, later that day, I grabbed Oliver and took him back to the beach, and we walked the boardwalk where the art show takes place. It was packed. He was a bit freaked at all of the people, so we simply walked a few blocks to where my friend had a booth, said a quick, “Hello,” and then I took him for a swim in the ocean.

It was just a great, beautiful weekend to live near the oceanfront...



I did a bit of decorating for Halloween this weekend, too. I wasn't going to do as much this year because I had decided not to give my traditional Halloween/Birthday Party, but once I opened the box and saw all of the neat stuff I love so much, I kinda went overboard. (What a surprise, huh?) With the wedding in August and then Jeremy and Karla moving here



from California and just moving out this past weekend, I have decided to celebrate my October birthday very quietly - and inexpensively! Ha! I may have a few folks in a few times - but maybe not. I am kinda enjoying having my life back... ya know?

Hey! Maybe I will just call everyone on my new phone! Hahaha!





Remember Ollie as a puppy last year being afraid of the “head” on the chair? This year, he did not even pay attention to it.

This year, he decided he was going to be afraid of the big, black, fiber-optic cat. He is fascinated by it. He does not bother it, but looks at it all the time, cocks his head, and barks and barks. Very funny!

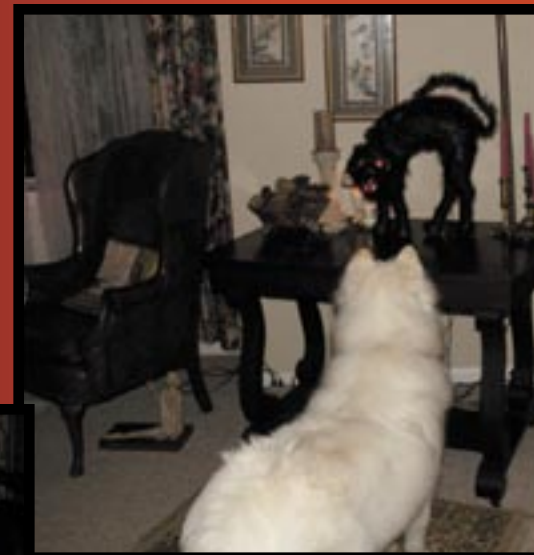
OK, Really more to tell you, but also a bit swamped with work and stuff tonight, so I will say good bye for now.

More fun to come!

Check out the recipes on the website! Tons of folks downloaded the Octoberfest this year, and I have already made it three times, myself!



Please pray for our men and women overseas, that they return to us soon, safe, and successful!



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, 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,*



Judi Godsey

PS. NOTE OF CAUTION... 20 employees were fired from The New York Times here in Norfolk for sending lewd and indecent emails. (To my knowledge, none of the 20 were on our joke list - even though some of the attorneys who represent the company were!) I have asked each and every one of you on this list to tell me if the jokes that accompany these "Follies" place you in jeopardy, or even if they offend you. Please understand that they are intended to be light-hearted and are not mean-spirited in any way. If you are ever offended, do not hesitate to ask to be taken off the Friday Follies Joke List. PSS. If you send a joke and I don't use it, it is because it has been used before, and I try not to repeat. Remember, I have been sending these since August of 1997. One tends to go through huge numbers of jokes that way. Disclaimer: When anyone asks if I type all of these jokes, the answer is, "No!" I cut and paste one evening during the week (30 minutes, TOPS). Obviously I don't have time to sit, read, and retype jokes all day!