

The blogging result of being a geek

I wrote a “Friday Five” that consisted of five snail jokes. I have a private collection of snail jokes that I tell when I’m asked (which honestly **NEVER** happens) or I feel the party is in need of a little light snail humor.

If you must, you can see the original post: [Here](#).

Now, I get THE most hits to my site from people “Googling” snail jokes. Who knew there was such an ardent need for snail jokes?

Just to show you how silly it has become, I Googled “snail jokes” and this is what comes up. Yep, my blog comes even before [snailjokes.com](#)!



You have to be three kinds of geeky to get that kind of traffic.

My blog’s birthday

My blog is one year old today. I thought I would celebrate by reposting the very first thing I wrote here. It was email correspondence between me and my friend, Vicki. Everyone should have a friend like her.

Thanks for reading me! I am just as bewitched by blogging as I was when I started and haven’t even thought about giving it up— which is unlike me (see Earthquake Cake story below to get

up to speed on that whole issue).

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Movie trailer voice man:

"It started out innocently enough, just a simple girl looking for a simple hair cut, what comes next is a dizzying string of senseless emails that pulled them away from the people they loved and the work they tried to avoid"

From: Suz

To: Vicki

Subject: Ideas for haircut

Hi,

If you have time can you send me some ideas for my shorter hair cut. I can't find anything particular

that I want. I want it short in the back but I don't want it to be short in the front. That is about it for ideas.

I always wear my hair in a pony. It would take me AT LEAST an hour a day to make my hair look "non frizzy" I love my hair, but I don't even devote that much time to my husband. let alone a beauty regime.

Love your blog...

From: Vicki

To: Suz

Subject: hair

Hey Suz

I think something like these. You have think, wavy hair, just thin it out, lots of layers and let the waves do what they want.

Something easy where you can wash it and put some product on it and go, let it either air dry or just lightly dry it.

I think that Meg Ryan has really wonderful hair and I think

yours has curl / waves like hers. Any of the following would look great on you.

If you don't like these tell me so I can find some others.



From: Suzanne
To: Vicki
Subject: Re: hair

K- Your last email was in my junk mail.....now Yahoo! is making judgment calls on my friends, great.
I like the last one.

From: Vicki
To: Suzanne
Subject: RE: hair

Tell Yahoo! I am not JUNK!
But I think that the last one is too straight without a lot of work?
It is a very cute cut. What happens if you put product in your hair and let it air dry?

From: Suz
To: Vicki
Subject: RE: Hair

Think Gilda Radner, 1979.

From: Vicki
To: Suz
Subject: RE: Hair

No it's not that big and frizzy –
You just need the right products and you'll look just like Meg Ryan.

From: Suzanne

To: Vicki

Subject: RE: Hair

That is the **EVIL LIE** that has filled my bathroom drawers with an endless supply of products and emptied my wallet of much needed cash.

Listen sister, you can come over and look at ALL of my products. I could have bought a horse with the money I have spent on flattening, defrizzing and calming hair products. My hair can't read labels and therefore, doesn't know it is suppose to be sleek, shinny and flat. It just does what it does best, be a frustrating time suck.

All you good hair people are the same, "air dry"... please!!!!!!!!!!

From: Vicki

To: Suz

Subject: RE: Hair

I don't want it to be sleek or flat.

It should be crazy, wild and sexy just like you.

From: Suz

To: Vicki

Subject: RE Hair

While this is so true, I forgot one of the most important aspect of my hair problems, I hate to have my hair touching my face. I really really hate it.

It gives me the hebbly jeebies.....wild would touch....

To: Suz

From: Vicki

Subject: RE: Hair

Geez – just get a buzz cut and be done with it!

The resulting hair cut...



Charles Leadbeater at Ted Talks

Awesome discussion addressing an issue close to my heart: journalism and the blogger. Even more exciting, the idea of amateur professionals (Pro-Ams), creative people committed to doing things well and with passion.

Leadbeater's idea of the new organization models sounds like OPPORTUNITY. There are still rules, just new ones.

Today's snapshot: Right back at 'ya Foolery

So, this is the classic blog photo: A shot of the blogger, taken by the blogger in their mirror. Almost every blog has at one time or another sported this picture. My guess is it's because:

- A. blogger has been banned from mentioning blog ever again to friends, hence, hindering ability to ask someone to take picture for blog
- B. always the dead of night while blogging and everyone else is fast asleep

C. blogger likes the natural diffusion that usually occurs in one of these shots due to glare

D. blogger thinks they look cute that day and no one is at home to take picture

I took this picture to post as a tribute to Foolery, one of my favorite blogs. She uses it as her profile picture but I suspect her reasons are much more interesting and less petty than the ones listed.



If you are a fan of Foolery, or have another reason (see A-D above) please post your own obligatory “Blogger in the mirror” shot.

Miss Cellania

✖ There are some blogs that have been there with me from the very beginning. I first met Miss Cellania when she linked to my “Note found in the fridge” , way back when my blog was an itsy bitsy baby. Miss Cellania has links, doctored-up photos starring Miss C. herself and YouTube videos from anywhere and everywhere on the internet.

If it’s funny, you’ll probably see it first on her blog.

Since our first introduction I have sent her, “The sad lonely life of a mom’s coffee cup”, “Shameful things I have eaten as a mom”, “A hypochondriac’s Twitter chain” and probably a few others that she has linked on her site.

Thanks Miss. C.

Miss Cellania is a good site to add to your Google Reader/Bloglines so you can check in with her daily. Her posts

are bite-sized and every once in a while she'll write something herself, which is always 'ilarious.

It was her support when I first started writing that encouraged me to stay up nights typing-away. There are some people out there that if they think you're funny, you can safely think, "Hey, I must be funny."

Go ahead and send her things that you find on the internet that make you laugh or even things you have written. (She will usually link back a "thanks" if she uses it.) She is always looking for good stuff and she can't see EVERYTHING!...or can she?

Email your own or lifted funny stuff to her at radiofox@gmail.com.

Thanks again Miss C for your support, example and encouragement! You rule the school and I don't say that to anyone over 10 years-old unless I truly mean it.

I got nothin'



I don't know if it's summer, the heat, my new bangs, but I am feeling uninspired. I have been here before and I know it will pass.

Because I'm basically an optimist, I think this must just be a refueling time for me. I'm still storing up ideas—just have no desire to spill them onto my Mac. You know what it is? I feel like more is going out than coming in. So, I need to read, watch some movies, talk to old friends, learn something new and just sit for a while.

Let's see where this goes...

Picture lifted from My Folk Lover on Etsy.

Sincerely 'Fro Me to You: 8th grade graduation



There I am, graduation 8th grade in 1983. I love this picture, braces and all. It brings back that afternoon in June so many years ago with crystal clear glee. It was one of the happiest days of my life. Do you remember that feeling of being completely unfettered and joyful? School was over and I had the new world of High School waiting for me after a summer of going to the beach and hanging out with my friends. I wasn't clouded by the worries of adulthood, or even the angst of a teenager.

I would give anything to have that feeling just for an hour today, but I think it's reserved for kids of a certain age, of a certain time.

Judging from the response to my Growing up in the '70's column, reminiscing about the past isn't something only I like to do.

I am working on Monday's column now about this very subject...

As I walked down the aisle, when the picture was taken "The Best of Times" by Styx..."Our memories of yesterday will last a lifetime...These are the best of times." Yes, they were.

This is this Thursday's addition of "Sincerely 'Fro Me to You"

hosted by Kristen at “We are that family.” Thanks Kristen!

Come as you are...seriously, don't reapply

I have been reading Mindy at The Mommy Blog for an entire week now. Now, some of you will hear “The Mommy Blog” and instantly think there will be posts about needlessly meticulous and overcomplicated crafts, thirty-four step recipes involving saffron, and a story about how she breast fed while pushing her double stroller across the finish line of a charity marathon she organized at night while her children slept in their freshly feng shui 'd rooms. Well, maybe that's just me, but Mindy doesn't talk about any of those things...and that's what I like about her.

She took the “Come as you are” challenge thrown down by Tracey at Sweetney. Here it is: Post a photo of yourself taken right now and load it up onto your blog or Flickr or, let's face it, both.

So here I am, right now...



As you can tell, today I spent the morning at Scooter's Jungle with 50 riotous 1st graders, got my first set of contact lenses (including 30 minute “lesson” on how to ~~stick myself~~ insert them in the eyes) and then made dinner. All of these things were equally taxing on my appearance. But, there I am.

I'm a guest blogger over at Grow-a-Brain



Today, I'm guest blogging over at Grow-a-Brain. I pieced together a post all about my girl Jane Austen and Hanan was kind enough to accept it.

Check it out here—Jane Austen's World.

Grow-a-Brain is a daily themed, eclectic blog. Basically, sending you to some of the weirdest, wildest and funniest stuff on the internet.

Not the content you get from your aunt in emails with subjects like "You have got to see this" or "Sooooooo funny!" but honest to google: bizarre, intelligent and interesting.

It is one of the blogs I get excited about when I see a new entry in my Bloglines.

He was the first blog ever to link to me (Note found in the fridge) and I was so grateful, and still am—thank you Hanan!

Twitter Widget



I have just added Twitter to my blog. I was having trouble getting it up on my site initially and had to write the crack

team at Typepad for help—seriously, they are good.

This is part of the message I sent to them..."having problems with my Twitter Widget?" I just think that's funny, Twitter Widget. No point here really.

Does anyone want to Twitter with me? It doesn't hurt or anything, but it does tickle a little...