

From Behind Our White Picket Fence Week 158
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iPhone Bliss

With our Sprint plan finally expiring after two years of spotty and over priced service, we decided to take the plunge and invest in iPhones (meaning a mandatory switch over to AT&T). After exhaustively researching every article, blog, and website devoted to Apple's device over the last two weeks, we excitedly hit the Culver City Best Buy on Saturday, plunked down two hundred bucks per phone, and signed up for the family plan for the three of us (our son gets one for X-mas), plus two friends. All told, we'll be paying approximately 70 bucks per line, which includes unlimited data, text, and 3000 minutes, working out to less than we averaged through Sprint using the crappy phones they gave us at Costco, where we originally signed up. After completing the change over, our very friendly sales gal at Best Buy showed us a few of the basics, sending us merrily into the smoke-filled atmosphere of West LA to play with our new toys.

One has to hand it to Apple Computer, they sure the heck know how to make neat stuff. The iPhone (for those of you not yet carrying one) is probably the coolest piece of technology ever set loose in the consumer market (and that's saying a lot given the iPod's status). From the ridiculously simple interface to the mind bogglingly large catalog of software and add-ons now easily downloadable (and in many cases, free), this hand held wonder has quickly taken over half the responsibilities of our laptops, replaced our iPods as preferred music players, and simplified our task and time management to a modicum of efficiency not seen in our household since, well, ever. We're so taken with the iPhone, in fact, that we've decided to switch over to Apple completely, replacing our HP and Compaq laptops with shiny new MacBook Pro's as 2008 expires. It helps that Windows Vista is such a disaster as an operating system; so much so in fact that even diehard PC users like us simply can't take another crash, upgrade, and/or frustrating reboot to get it to function properly and therefore are ditching the Microsoft monopoly to the furthest extent possible.

All that aside, however, being smut purveyors dictated one of our first tasks – after grabbing the requisite accessories at the hipper than hip Apple Store on 3rd St. Promenade – was to latch on the nearest wireless network and get to work finding video smut all over the internet. Luckily, YouPorn, Pornotube, and Redtube, our favorite destinations for free hardcore content, all happened to work fabulously with our iPhones and we downloaded a few clips to check for, uh, quality and such. We're happy to report stellar results and porn is alive and well on our portable new toys! We can only hope the day comes sooner than later when "Pirates 2" and other favorite titles become available for easy bedtime viewing. We can also envision the not-so-distant future when even live point-to-point sex becomes possible using this technology, making the need for extra screen protection accessory priority number one.

After further discussion, we'll be moving Mom back home December 1st, thereby saving almost \$3,000.00 per month and taking some of the financial pressure off and preempting

any sort of catastrophe should the economy worsen. This buttressing of our monetary position should ward off up to a 50% decrease in sales, though we obviously hope things don't deteriorate that badly as Thanksgiving, X-mas and Valentine's Day make their way across the calendar. At this point, with Parkinson's disease continuing its steady creep, Mom can barely shuffle around and is exhausted by 8pm, meaning it shouldn't be TOO bad to keep her reigned in; however, the mother/daughter dynamic will need serious tending to prevent the types of blowout fights that led to her departure in the first place.

Our kickoff "Flirt" event exceeded our wildest expectations, with over 50 women converging on our shop last Thursday to eat, drink, and learn the basics of burlesque and other sexy endeavors. The next one (taking place December 11th from 7-10pm) promises to be even better, so we hope to see you here. As far as events go, we'd also like to mention tonight's Empowerpole class, Saturday's S&M 101 lecture and field trip with Kim Airs, and beginning tantra on December 6th. As always, our store calendar is available online in the left navbar on our website.

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