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Hi, If any of you other dinosaurs out there want to feel like a dork, just get a new smart phone (I got a Samsung Epic 4G). I am sure my 6 year old grand daughter can figure it out faster than I can. Tap, squeeze, spread, pinch, swish and so on are all terms that were not part of my previous vocabulary, at least not in reference to phones. Anyhow after a week of fiddling, and even reading the 175 page manual that came with it, I can now generally get it to do what I want. They really are something else. I follow technology in many areas but phones were off my radar. They are virtually hand held PCs and entertainment systems that can make phone calls. If you believe the hype there are over 250,000 apps for this one. BTW as I posted elsewhere, it does a credible job on music (any compressed type not just MP3) and will do (it says) HD video. The problem there is that it sucks the battery dry fairly quickly. My MP3 player (a Sony) does a better job and will run continuously for days. My biggest beefs right now are the screen protectors, just a tiny bit of dust under an edge and you are hosed. And the standard ringtones. Gads, if I wanted screaming meanies I fixed that with one of the 250,000 amps. Somewhat more civilized now. I'm beginning to actually like it now