



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Look at these silly guys! I went into the pet store to buy bird seed the other day and these three cockatoos fell in love with me! They were talking and chattering and even started to climb all over me. Beautiful! I would love to have one someday, but they are like having children! They play and are curious and chew and get into so much trouble. Plus they live to be 85 years old!



Then, two clerks took me over and showed me this blue Quaker Parrot. (They know I already have one and they were pushing hard.) He is cheap for a blue - they want \$288 for him and his cage. I told them I did not need the cage... how much then? They responded - "\$288!"

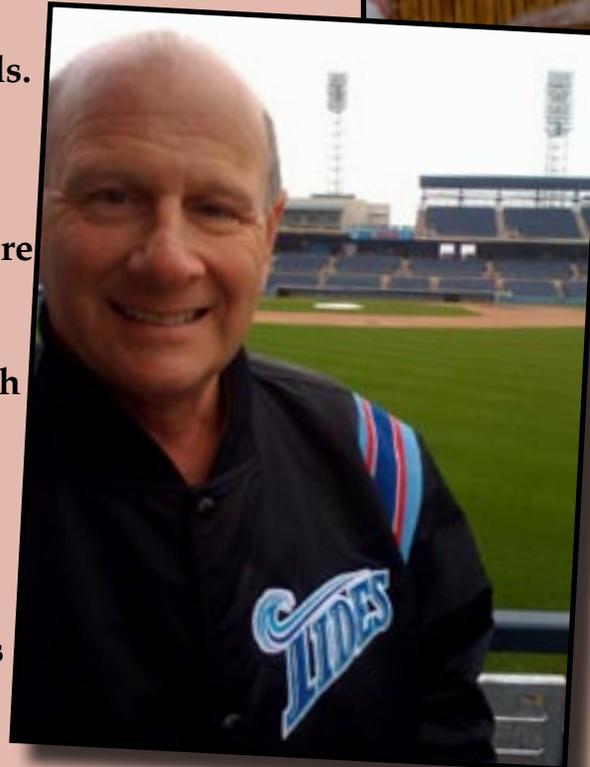
That just does not make any sense to me. He has been in the store for the longest time and is not

sweet at all. I am sure I could train him, but why pay for a mean bird and a cage I don't need. I told them if they could not find a buyer for him and just wanted to make sure he got a good home, to call me and I would take him off their hands. We will see...



Anyway, just wanted to share their photos with you. The Cockatoos were so sweet!

Whoo Hoo! Lookey here! It is March Madness, and yet we are gearing up for baseball season! Here is Ken standing on his brand new party deck out in right field at Harbor Park. We went out last night (St. Patty's Day) to take a look at it. It is going to be SUPER!



It has been raining for forty days and forty nights - so there is still a little bit of work to do on it - but it is scheduled to be open for the April 3 Orioles and the Nationals game. It can be rented for special parties and a portion of it will be open to the public, plus they are putting in a big bar, food service, and tons of stand-up tables. It is just going to be a spectacular place to watch the game, plus, it is on the water! The ships move along behind it all the time.

Another real plus is that the fence has been moved in considerably. Harbor Park was one of the hardest parks in the nation to hit a home run in because the fence was so far back. This should make the games more fair and a lot more exciting for both the players and the fans.

One of the real concerns at the moment, though, is whether the parking lot will be ready for the game in 2 1/2 weeks! The city of Norfolk has completely torn up the parking lot to work on the new light rail system, but with all of the rain... I think it is going to be "tight" as to whether they get it finished in time. MAN... if they don't... It is NOT gonna be pretty. Over 12,000 fans and limited parking! Surely Norfolk will get busy and get it completed now that the weather is a bit nicer. Fingers crossed!



It was really fun to see my good friend Nicole Livas this week, too. Nicole is the news anchor for NBC and Fox here in the Hampton Roads area. She visited the third graders where I work and just had them laughing, gasping, and hanging on her *every word*. What was sweet was that she got tons of hugs after she spoke. All of the little girls lined up to hug her neck and thank her. The teacher who invited her is also a good friend. Robert teaches third grade by day and is the head of a big security firm at night. I mean security for concerts and such. The kids - young and old - simply adore him, and it turns out that he and Nicole actually went to Jr. High School together.

Small world, as they say...

Another event at the place where I work last week brought scores of alumni back for Career Day. It is amazing to see what many of them are doing now. As you know, I seldom write about my work in these Follies, but there were just so many familiar faces/former students that it was like a homecoming!





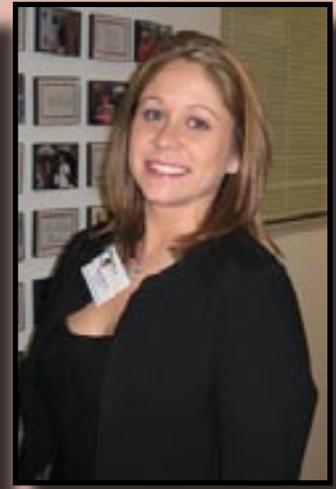
There were attorneys, engineers, real estate developers, doctors, vets, marketing experts, bankers, fitness experts, inventors, school administrators, and even high fashion - Jessica here on the left is the Director of Special Events for Hermes in NYC. Before that, she was with Esquire.



Just really cool to see them all and hear them giving advice to today's seniors. It made me very proud of them all. I would love to say I had something to do with it, but I didn't. I just attended and will publish some of their stories in our magazine at a later date. Many of them are actually on this Follies list...



Well, I am down 19 pounds! And counting! I am still worried about what the heck I can have at the ballpark, but will figure that out. Last night was funny because it was raining and cold and Ken wanted to show me the progress on the park and then we were going for a casual dinner in Ghent. So - jeans were in order! I DON'T HAVE ANY JEANS THAT FIT ANYMORE!!!! I am not kidding! Jeans that were skin tight on me five weeks



ago, now HANG on me. Not attractive! Attractive or not, I wore them. I even washed them in hot water and they were still baggy. We just laughed about it. I am NOT going to buy anything new, though, until I get to my goal! Then I will treat myself... if I have any money left after bills... that is!

Jess and Ricky get home tonight from Arizona. They had a blast! Jeremy is doing well, too.

This weekend is the Shamrock Marathon that runs right by my front door, and I also have a great birthday party to go to for a very dear friend.

OH! FUNNY! I almost forgot to tell you! After sending the Follies out to hundreds, having them posted on Facebook where many others see them, and after sending you all a link to my new cookbook... I ordered two books - one hard back and one

soft back. I was going to give one (his choice) to my webmaster for helping me so much with emergencies lately on my website. He picked one and by the time I got back to my office, he buzzed me and said, "Judi - pick up your book. Look at the title on the cover!"

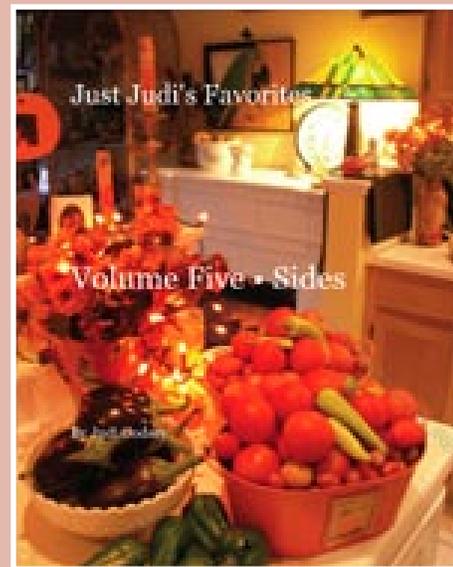
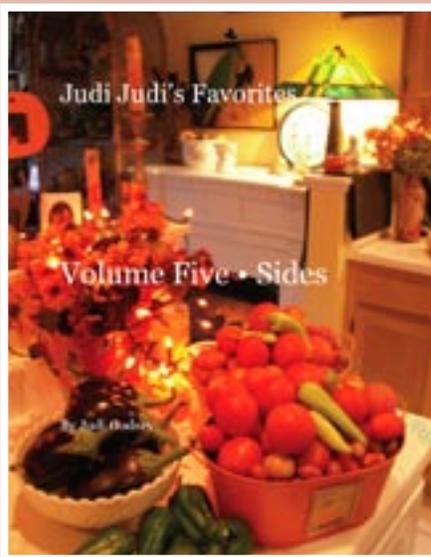
I almost died. I did burst out laughing. It was the dumbest thing I have ever seen! I got the title wrong.

Instead of "Just Judi's Favorites," it said "Judi Judi's Favorites!" I proofed so hard, but never saw that at all. Not even when sending the cover photo to all of you two weeks



in a row! No one else told me either. Later, I had a reporter friend say she noticed it but thought I must have seen it and corrected it. NOPE! Never saw it. Just too darned funny! I had to go back and republish the new version and delete the old one (not an easy thing to do) change all of the links on my website and on Facebook, and ordered new copies to swap out for the old. That will teach me to be more careful! But think about

it. Two four letter words, both start with "J", all neat and pretty on the cover... I never even saw it. Also, though, with the formatting for the book, the cover title shows up on the cover, the spine, and on the inside cover page. So that one, tiny mistake was in BOLD letters in three prominent places. As my reporter friend said, "Good thing you didn't have three hundred copies in storage waiting to be sold!" Ain't it the truth!



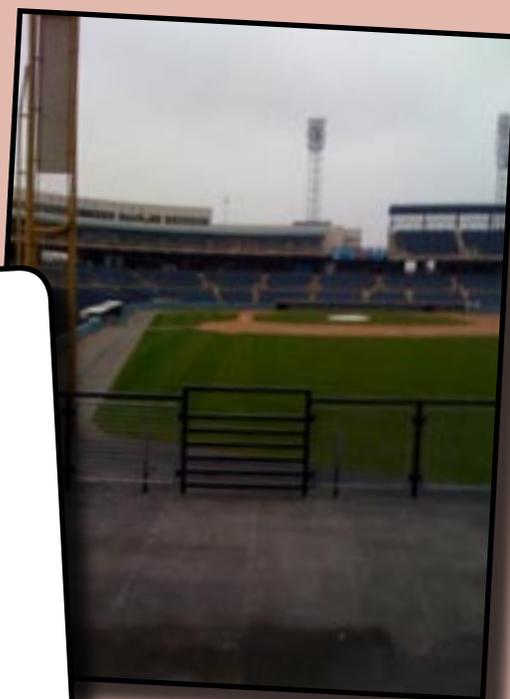
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OK. Gotta get moving, here. Lots to do. Need to go feed the canaries so they can feed their new babies. I count three peeking out of the nest, but I still think their might be a fourth one in there. They will be popping out of the nest in the next dew days and I will get some photos for you. Ahhh... Spring!

Love to all!



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,



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!