

FRIDAY FOLLIES

March 24, 2006



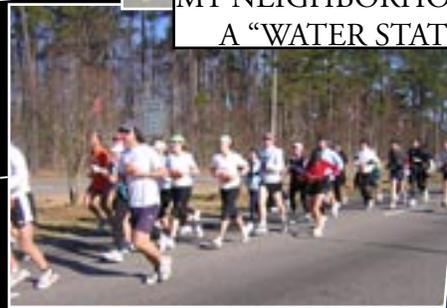
Hey!

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Wow! The Shamrock Marathon ran right past my house this weekend. 13,000 people entered the events this weekend - from all over the globe. It was way different than the Rock and Roll Half-Marathon. These folks were SERIOUS! And as I showed you with the photos of the Rock and Roll, I was amazed at how many "out of shape" folks there were. Not so with this one! Everyone was all business and in great shape. I ran out there (no pun intended) Sunday morning and just as I got to the road... the THREE GUYS FROM KENYA ran by! My blasted batteries were dead in my camera, and I had to run (again no pun) home and get new ones. Shoot! I wanted their photos! Here is a shot of them in the Sunday paper. They won the half marathon and folks said it was the closest, most exciting race they had ever seen!



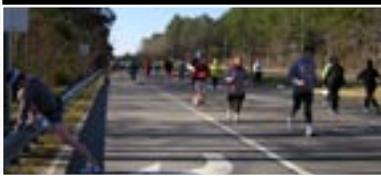
MY NEIGHBORHOOD WAS A "WATER STATION!"



I, of course, was in my green bathrobe, but even my silliness could not compare to some of the other get-ups. EVERYONE was Irish - well, except for this guy in the grass skirt... couldn't figure that one out. Then there was this gentleman with the huge flag stuck down his back! You could see him coming and going! Very, very COOL! Others of interest - there was a motorcycle in the middle of the pack, filming. There were countless newspapers from everywhere. There were kilts, fashion statements, the old, the new, and family. Others were just interesting to watch... nice strides... (smile)



Then they started to slow down after an hour. I was just in awe. It was incredibly fun to have a front row seat.





I also had a chance to start a painting of my Gandy this week. It is a “study” in watercolor. It actually is much better in person. You can almost touch the hair on his back. I will go back now and do a real one in oils or acrylics. I was trying to do it from memory and here is the start – and the finish. Not too bad, but his face is too narrow. I will practice a bit more and then will do it for real. I was pretty pleased, though. I had tons of very thoughtful emails, and calls, and even letters and cards this week. Thank you! I even had a two friends offer to have him cremated and one who offered to have him buried here locally at a pet cemetery. Actually, honestly, I prefer to remember him this way – from my heart and my memories. But it was unbelievably nice and comforting to know that others were so thoughtful. Thank you to you all. I miss him, but he is fine now, and I am better just knowing that. He had been in pretty bad shape for some time. I do not think that I waited too long, but it was obviously time that last week. I am at peace with that. Thank you, sincerely, for all of your comments and kinds words. I’ll let you know when I decide to get a new puppy – but it may be a while.





I also did a great deal of yard work, replanted tons more plants, built a rose garden, did spring cleaning, gave bags and bags of clothes and decorations away, assembled a new grill, and had tons of friends over for lunch, dinner, and just for impromptu visits. Here are Suzanne and her two grand babies enjoying being with Liberty. Liberty was being a “poot” that night! But the kids were great. Look at this child’s EYES! Isn’t he BEAUTIFUL! (Liberty bit him...)



National champs!



And Hey! Let’s not forget my daughter’s college basketball team this week! National Champs, Division III! Whoo Hoo! Go Marlins!

And also this week, Roman Gabrielle invited me to all of his golf tournaments this spring, summer and fall! I know I cannot make them all, but I am grabbing some friends and heading to a couple of them. I’ll let you know when and where FUN! Thanks, Gabe!

OK, Gotta go. Great week. Hope yours was, too.



Happy
March
Madness!

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, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Saudi Arabia, Chattanooga, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Europe, 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!