



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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What a wonderful week! Hope yours was, as well. The weather was typical spring "can't-make-up-its mind," but the days are getting longer. There were even a couple of days that seemed nice enough to walk on the beach, but the wind was too high.

Went to many really nice dinners out this week, and one in particular was beautiful on the water at sunset. The colors were magnificent, even though this does not show up as vibrant as it was.

I loved watching the seagulls settle in for the night. First they would be on one leg and then they would end up perched flat on the pilings. What a life they live...

Without nights out like that, it is sometimes easy to forget I live in a beautiful vacation spot, ya know?

I also went to a friend's birthday party this past weekend. It started out at a nice restaurant where everyone snapped photos and gorged themselves, then it continued at Kim's house for cake and after dinner drinks. It was just awesome. Got to see many friends I don't get to see too much these days.

At one point, I was standing outside on the patio talking with someone and this pretty lady came up and said, "I know you from somewhere." I told her I felt the same thing the minute I saw her. We chatted for a moment or two and then when she told me her name, it dawned on me! She had worked at the Jewish Mother when Jess and Ricky got married and she worked herself to death with





me and the others getting the place decorated for the wedding party. It was too funny. We had not seen each other since then and she does not work there anymore, so we were both mildly confused when we saw each other. I love it when stuff like that happens... You know... When the light bulb goes on...

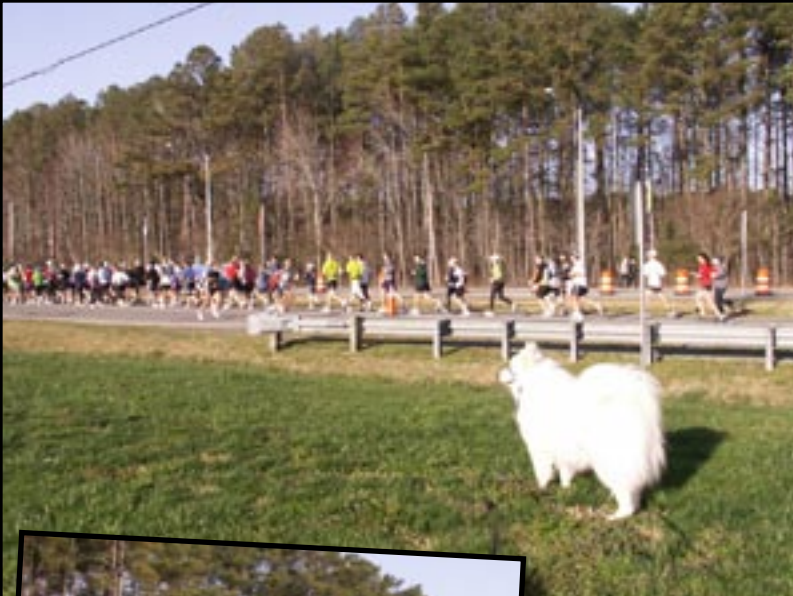
It was just a lovely time, and I look forward to seeing some of them again this next weekend as we will be partying on the "Carrie B" - a ferry in Norfolk - for a sunset photo shoot. Sounds like it is going to be a lot of fun. I will take photos, if I can.



I also carried along my little Flip and took a couple of videos of the party that I am going to put on a CD for Kim.

One of the biggest hits of the party was Kim's Ferret. I have never been particularly fond of ferrets, but this one is a complete LOVE! Follows the dog around the house and even runs to the door when some one comes in. Thinks he is a dog! Hahaha! Too cute.





The Shamrock Marathon was this weekend, too. Ollie loves the marathons! He wakes up early and then whines loudly, running through the house until I take him out to see the runners. HUNDREDS of them. All of them very serious about the marathon. Some would shout, "Great dog!" or "What's his name?" etc. and many, *many* shouted out that they loved my Kelly green bathrobe (a tradition when I watch this race), but all-in-all, they are much more serious than the "Rock N Roller" marathoners.



My neighborhood is great! Very civic-minded and every time there is a race, they get out the tables, water, music, wear costumes, and cheer on the runners. You *did* see a lot of green and there certainly were some characters, but most were trying to make their time!



Hey, my favorite was the balloon guy! I spotted him down the road and since they doubled back and ran by my house a second time, and then went around the corner and ran past Camp Pendleton, I saw him three times! LOL! We felt

like we were close friends by the time he left the area.

The roads were all blocked off for a few hours. Jeremy was going to come over kind of early, but could not get in the neighborhood until around 12. It was good to see him, though, when he did get here.

Jess is back from her visit to Arizona, but Ricky is still in Mexico surfing for a week





or so. Since he is a part-time professional body boarder, he does that about twice a year. I hate for him to be gone for Jess's sake, but selfishly, it gives me some time with Jess to myself. I felt like I had not seen her in forever and she only lives a mile down the road!

Her house looks great and her puppies are adorable. In constant motion, but adorable! You forget how active puppies are until you are around them. I am certainly glad Ollie is over that phase. Anyway, I went to her house for a while before we went to dinner with Scotty and Edie. They are always so sweet. Lots of plans in the works for the "new" Jewish Mother. Who knows when the city will get it all worked out, but it is going to be very cool. Fun to talk about.





When I got ready to get ready for all of the “stuff” this past weekend, I remembered that my jeans did not fit! I have now reached 20 pounds lost in six weeks! I am so proud of myself! I NEVER thought I would be able to do that. Never! Now I am shooting for ten more... we will see. Anyway, I remembered a drawer where I had about five pair of practically new “old” jeans I could not wear anymore, but just hated to part with. I pulled those out and -- “VOILA!” Hundreds of dollars worth of great jeans that looked like brand new! I had not worn them in years! It felt awesome! Since I had not seen Jess in a long while, she was shocked. She said, “Mom, you legs are so skinny!” I LOVED it!

The baby birds came out of their nest this week. The first day they

just huddled together in a corner of the cage. The next day they worked up a little courage and would hop around the bottom of the cage. Now, they even fly up and sit on the perches to let the daddy bird feed them. It won't be long until they are flying all around and feeding themselves. Would you believe that mom and dad are already “at it” again! I had to quick get a new nest and put it in the cage! It is not unusual for mom to lay more eggs while dad continues to raise the babies. Isn't nature truly amazing...

More and more and more of you on Facebook each week. It tickles me when I get a message that one of you has signed up. I even got my BROTHER to sign up this week. He travels a lot and it is very hard to stay in touch with him. PLUS, he is hard of hearing, too, so we are the absolute the PITS on the phone together! This way we can stay in touch and swap photos and such. It will be cool. Just like everyone else, at first he was like, “Why is this any



different that email..." but as he is getting set up and friends are finding him and adding him, he is starting to see why it is so awesome. I still limit myself to about ten minutes a day on it, though. Otherwise I would never get anything done!

Well, it also seems that this is the season for everything to break!!! I have declared it the season to get everything fixed!! I even stepped on the trash can to open the lid while cleaning this weekend and the damn thing broke, too! Just sick and tired of telling myself I don't need to spend the money right now, so I decided to bite the bullet and hire someone to help me.

As you know, "Pearl" is in the shop. No rush for her, but she should be ready by the end of the week - I am guessing. I simply cannot wait! I also hired a neighbor who is a contractor and does some odd jobs on the side to put in a security light, a HUGE doggie door for Ollie, replace the plywood in the garage that goes to the opening for the attic, and to fix several lights and a fan in the house! Isn't it strange the way that all happens simultaneously? I just decided to do something about it. All of that fixed and with the new solar lights out back, the newly painted back door, the new patio "fluffing" with cushions and a new umbrella -- the place is starting to come back to life. Even the Forsythia is blooming in the front yard! Makes me smile! Feels good to get all of those nagging little things fixed. I am pretty handy around the house, but electrical stuff and putting in a doggie doors for an 80 pound dog - forget it!

OK. That is about it for now. Isn't that enough? (smile) I am starting to at least "think" about what is going in the garden this year. I LOVE the fact that everyone else is thinking of jumping on that band wagon this year! *What a great way to treat the Earth and Yourself!*

Please buy a cookbook - if you are so inclined. I am really proud of them. And now that I am doing Weight Watchers, I am learning how to make some of the recipes so they are OK on my diet. Hmm - might

do a WW cookbook. What do you think?



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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.

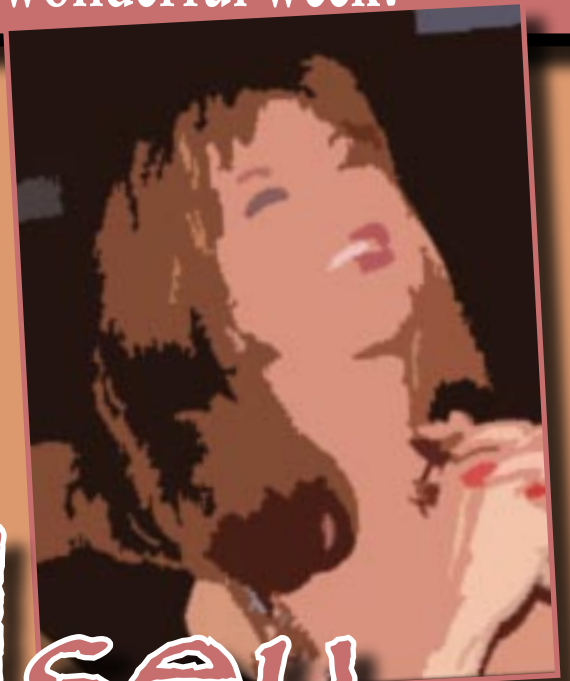
Remember, life is short!

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!