

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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I hope you had a grand Mother's Day! Mine was awesome! I slept in, got up and took care of all of the animals, and finished watching a movie (Capote - great, BTW). Then around noon, Jess came over and we played with the dog, gave him a bath, and then we ventured out to my favorite Mexican Restaurant for a feast!

It was raining which was great - meant we didn't have to feel guilty about

doing absolutely NOTHING productive, so we went and rented a couple of movies, fixed a cozy fire, and watched movies until bedtime. It was just blissful!

Oh, I have to tell you a funny story about the two photos of Ollie on the lawn chair. Every time we return from a walk, he has gotten to where he loves to go lounge on the lounge. Well, Saturday, I looked out, and sure enough, there he was all stretched out like a king. I ran and got my camera and poked my head out the back door and snuck a quick picture of him. But when I did, my next door neighbor, a really cute, young bachelor, was out mowing his back yard. When he saw me with the camera (he could not see Ollie for the fence) he took off his hat and started waving to me just as it flashed. I almost died! I quickly ran to the front of the house just as he was rounding the corner... and we laughed and laughed when I showed him what I was taking a photo of. Can you imagine how weird that would be to have



your neighbor sneaking out and taking photos of you? I have a feeling we will be laughing about that for a long time.



Saturday was also great because I meet a good friend of mine at the Beach for lunch. She lives in Norfolk and does not get over this way very often. It was an incredibly gorgeous day, and we ate outside on the Boardwalk and talked, and laughed, and drank our share of Bloody Marys. She had never seen the new HUGE statue of King Neptune before so we toured around him before going to the roof top for the view and one last frozen concoction. It was just a wonderful time. Amy is such an amazing person. She has written well over thirty books and has three she is working on currently. All are published and she has never self-published. Quite an accomplishment for someone in her early forties, wouldn't you say? She is a very dear friend.

Well it appears I am moving backwards through my weekend...

Friday, friends had invited me up to a room they had rented at the Ocean-front Ramada because they had a Monster Truck racing on the beach in the Monster Truck Fest this weekend. What a riot! First, I went to a local hang out, Mahi, Mahi's, and had a quick bite to eat with friends, and then joined them on



the fourth floor. We had a great time just watching people arrive on the Boardwalk. Then it started! Below you can see their truck is the grey truck with fire on the hood, The Stone Crusher. Steve was driving it. I actually climbed into this thing one time. Do you realize you have to walk underneath it and climb up a ladder to get to the driver's seat! HUGE! What they do is so dangerous, but MAN, it looks like fun! It made me want to supe my "Pearl" up and take her on a race.

Anyway, We had plenty to eat, drink, scream, and talk about. Then about halfway through, two of my other friends from downstairs joined us. They had never seen Monster Trucks before, so they were enamoured with them. Suzanne even took her grandson back the next day and spent the entire afternoon with him on the beach watching the races.

They are so geared for children. Just look at these trucks...

There was the Ninja Turtle Truck, the Puppy Truck and, of course, the Bat Mobile Truck.

Once dark, they even had a Car-eating Dinosaur Truck.



There goes Steve - getting revved up for his race!



The dang thing came out as a tank, opened up, and this fire-breathing dinosaur came out and ate the car!

Just a crazy good time and weekend with crazy good friends and my crazy good daughter and dog. Ha!

Well, I have been diligently working on my website and should be able to show you a portion of it by next week. Still lots and lots to do, but getting there. I should have the bio, photo gallery, and maybe some of the Follies archived by then.



Don't forget to bookmark it. I will let you know when it goes "live."

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Have a great week, ya'll. Summer is coming!



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!

