

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Well, I have been waiting "for the other shoe to drop," and it finally has. I learned last week that, basically, my whole department has been cut back from 12 months to 11 months. That... right in this midsts of trying to refinance my home... Yikes! Good thing I had not signed any papers beforehand! I mean, it certainly could have been a LOT worse! I still have a great job -- just for 11 months instead of 12. And now I get July off! I won't be able to go anywhere (Ha) because I will be too poor, but it will be nice to have four weeks to rest. After this incredibly hard year, it will be welcomed.

I think you also know me well enough to know that resting for four weeks in definitely not an option. I already have many plans for how to work on "other things" that month and to try to make up some of the loss. Still, to be able to wake up one July morning and say, "Hmmm.... I think I will rest today," will be nice! I guess that must be what it is like to be retired... something I will probably never know! :-)

We also have a new boss coming into the office in July. None of us will get to know him very well until August, I guess, but we are all looking forward to it. He seems extremely knowledgeable and nice.

Enough of that. I usually do not tell things like that in the Follies, but life has been



so hard for so many and for so long, that I thought it important to share that. No one lives a perfect life. I get the feeling sometimes from some of your responses that you think I just "sail along" and nothing ever goes wrong! You would be very wrong about that! But why dwell on it? Why not pick up, decide how to move on, and get going? Sometimes that is the best thing we can do. Often people will say, "You are so strong!" But seriously, what are you supposed to do when things do not go your way, or when there is heartache or strife -- Lie down and die? You HAVE to keep on going. That is the only way to get through it!



OK - onward - Look at these photos, guys. Monday afternoon was beautiful and I needed a break. I still have three weeks vacation that has to be used before the end of June - not a chance - so I took the afternoon off. I wanted to go to the pool, but this time of year it does not open until 2. Bummer! I forgot about that. So, I grabbed my beach chair and headed down the street. It was MAGNIFICENT! There was hardly anyone there on a Monday afternoon so early in the summer. Public schools are still in session,



so I had the most GLORIOUS time of solitude and reflection. It was in the 70s with a cool breeze off the water and no humidity! Just a true gift! Ahh!

My Jeremy turns 30 this next week. Hard to believe. I don't like to say that because it makes me feel old, but I was only 12 when I had him. I was written up in all of the Tabloids for being one of the youngest mothers on record. (Smile) I am not sure what plans are yet. He is stopping by in a minute, so I will ask what he wants to do to celebrate.

Jessica, Ricky, and his whole family are going to Nag's Head for a week soon. I have been invited to go too, but will probably only go down for a day or two like I did last year. Just too much going on here right now. Things to be settled, ya know?

I wanted to include this silly photo of Jess this week. She actually bought one of those Howling Wolf sweatshirts at the Beach this week. Cracked me up. You do know about those, don't you? Hilarious! A photo of Ricky body boarding, and then the Dagwood sandwich at the bottom. It is their latest novelty at The Jewish Mother. They call it the "DAGWOOD CHALLENGE!" If you complete their new version of The



Dagwood, a plate of fries, and a soda, you get your name on their "Dagwood Wall of Fame," plus they will pick up the bill! It should be fun to see if anyone can do it.

Jess, Jeremy and I went to the Jewish Mother for dinner and a show last weekend, and on the way out the door, I grabbed my camera. Unfortunately, I grabbed the broken camera. I did not learn until I got home that I had the one that took blurry photos! All four of these are simply ridiculous! I included them anyway, because I thought they were so funny! We all looked so nice, and we were having the best time! We had no clue the camera was blurring us beyond recognition! Hahaha! I guess I will throw that camera away!

I had a really nice time at the coffee with the newspaper staff. They were as nice as they could be and were extremely complimentary of my efforts. Sure made me feel great! And their new space at Town Center is fabulous! Loved it! Thanks, guys! Oh, and as I was getting ready to go, one of the cute, young employees came up to me and said, "I know you!" It turned out that she remembered me from attending a big party I had for one of her friend who got married a year ago. Too funny! I remembered her very well after she said that! I thought she was adorable then, too.

Graduation was also this past week. We have three -- one for the Lower School, one for the Middle School, and, of course, commencement for the seniors. They were awesome! But it made for a very busy week!



It is always a great time to see lots of friends, though. I have friends that had children (or friends) graduating in all three events. It was very special.

I also went to a great Estate Sale at Phil's beautiful old country home. Sorry I did not buy anything, Phil, but thanks for the invitation! :-)

OK, the garden is going great, the grass has filled in, beautiful flowers are in bloom, there are new baby birds, and BoBo and Ollie are still making



me laugh every, single day.

I have started on the next Just Judi's Cook Book, and I have repackaged all of my products. I have two stores that are supposed to let me have a consignment space, so we will see. I will let you know where to find them and how that goes.

I am even toying with the idea of visiting a few galleries that some of you have told me about and maybe trying to place a couple of my paintings. I still don't know if I have the nerve, though. We will see...

BUY COOK BOOKS!

Love to all!

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and Late Nite
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Volume Four • Salads
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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!