

FRIDAY FOLLIES

JULY 7, 2006



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Hope you had a grand Fourth of July! So much has happened since I last wrote, it is going to be hard to fit it all in. Thank Heavens I took a lot of photos. That will help cut down on the narrative! Ha!

So, where do I start? Well, I'll start with last night. The Fourth of July fireworks were viewed from a balcony high above Atlantic Avenue at the home of my dear friends'. It was spectacular! You could see fireworks from all over the beach, the City of Virginia Beach, and even from as far away as Norfolk! Just a beautiful, beautiful night. Chip and Cynthia always have the nicest parties with the greatest people. I always enjoy myself too much! Just lots of laughs everywhere you looked. I brought flags for everyone and also Fourth of July tattoos. Everyone got a kick out of wearing them. Their beach home is literally only about two miles from my place, but it took me over thirty





minutes to get home. I have never seen such traffic at the Beach!

I also had a celebration dinner for Joanne this week. She just published her first book! I am so proud of her! What an accomplishment, plus the book is going to help so many people. It is called Military Widow. I am sure that before long, every officer in each branch of the service will have a copy. For anyone in the service, it is a must read.

While Joanne and I were getting ready for dinner, two other friends popped in, Suzanne and Lee Ann. We grazed on the appetizers for so long, that we never even ate dinner! And I had fixed eggplant caviar, a yellow squash casserole, and stuffed zucchini with beef and sausage. I fixed her a "to go" plate and we promised to do it again soon.





Well, another major project has been completed! I wanted to extend my driveway so that I would not have to park "Pearl" on the street any more. I hired two friends to help, not thinking it would be that big of a deal. Ha!



First, I had to dig up and transplant all of my roses and shrubs along that side of the driveway. The bed was also lined with heavy rocks that also had to be moved. And now there is a mountain of top soil piled by the fence that I need to haul somewhere...



Roy and Bobby did a great job, but we measured, calculated, and then they took "Pearl" to get the cement. The guy at the store also calculated and told them they needed 22 bags. Ha! Not even close! So, back to the store for double that amount. It also took a lot longer than any of us anticipated. Plus, it was 100 degrees!



I dug up and moved plants on Saturday. They dug the trench and boxed it off on Sunday. Then Tuesday - the Fourth of July - they showed up at 7 a.m. to get down to business. When they opened the garage door, I had a table (one that I am giving away) set up in the garage all decked out in red, white, and blue. Even the food was red, white, and blue! We had juice, coffee, blueberry muffins, strawberries, whipped cream, and watermelon. All cool, refreshing stuff to munch on throughout the





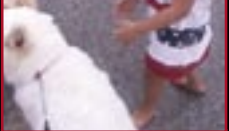
morning. I even had flags, candles, Fourth of July sunglasses, and toys for them! The boom box was set up and Lee Greenwood was singing "Proud to be an American!" It was too cool. Bobby, who is a Vietnam vet, got teas in his eyes. We just had

a blast. Then for lunch we had fried chicken, fresh vegetables, the casseroles we did not touch at my dinner party for Joanne, fresh flowers from the yard to grace the table, and lemonade. We finished up about 3:30, and it looks great!

Another big event! Jessica's 24th birthday is TODAY. I had to work, but she came over after work and we opened her presents. I am supposed to join her and a bunch of her friends later tonight for sushi. Then on Friday night - get this - she is having an "80's Prom Night" birthday party at a club down at the beach. She and Laura both had birthdays this week, so they planned their own party! I LOVE it. We have all been talking about what we are going to wear and how we will crimp our hair, etc. It should be a riot! The girls even went to thrift shops and got their dresses. (Ha! I'll just need to head to my closet!) I'll take photos...of course.



The neighborhood also had a Fourth of July parade! It was so cute. Here are shots of the bikes, the kids getting ready, the waiting for the parade to start, and then the actual event itself which led the children to the neighborhood pool for games. I have also included some of my favorite photos. Just real sweet! I love the Fourth of July! I literally get emotional every year.





I also decorated for the Fourth and have already taken it all down! Then I rearranged furniture throughout the house. I really didn't mean to do that, but I changed one thing and it just kind of "snowballed." Just moving things around a few inches created so much more space, and now it just LOOKS bigger.

It started because I got a new canary. Yes... I am serious! I moved the baby canaries, mom, and dad back into the "big house" and added my new white beauty, Angel. So far, so good! They are all getting along great and no one is building any nests right now! That allowed me to get the "nesting" cage out of the house. That allowed me to move Liberty's cage over a foot or so - allowing me to move the bookshelves over. Then I moved a table out of the den and the TV to the kitchen. Well, you get the idea. Even Jessica said, "Wow" when she walked in tonight.

OK! The final page is devoted to my 11 canaries and Ollie. (Liberty and Maggie didn't make the Follies this week... smile.)

You also need to go to the website (www.judiwithani.com) and see some of the new stuff. Specifically, the "Summer Suppers" recipes. Lots of good ones there.

Whew! Now to change and go meet Jess and friends.

Have a good one! Love you, Jeremy!



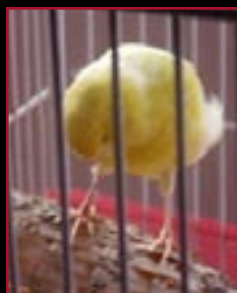
My sweet Oliver!



My new little Angel!



All the babies
back together.
Huey taking
care of one of
the new baby,
Twiddle Dee,
Sunny, and Mama
Gueneviere.



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!