



FRIDAY FOLLIES
September 4, 2009

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Man! It is September already!
Bye, bye summer. Hello Fall - one
of my favorite times of the year!

Well, I have to say, I have been
doing the Follies for a very long
time and I do not think I have
ever put myself on the cover
before - at least not without others
in the photo, too! (I'll have
to check that.) But this week I
changed my photo on my Face-
book profile, and so many folks
wrote, sent a message, or com-
mented on it that I figured it
meant I probably needed to!
Probably was long overdue!
Ha! I love that photo because
it was taken a few weeks back
at the Mellencamp / Dylan / Nel-
son Concert. It was just a happy
time. I did not even realize that
Ricky had snapped it until later
when I saw it on Jessica's Face-
book page. Just a happy time!

My Jessica is 18 weeks along
now! They find out soon if the
baby is a boy or a girl. I cannot
WAIT to find out! So cool. Still
taking suggestions for grandma
names. You guys have come up
with some doozies! I still kinda
like NeNe. My very good friend
in Atlanta cannot believe I would
even consider that! She says ev-
eryone she knows in Atlanta is





horrified with *The Housewives of Atlanta* and no one can figure out where they found those women. Hahaha! I still love NeNe. She cracks me up. Anderson Cooper is in love with her, too:-)



I still have a broken front toopfth! Dang! I was supposed to have it fixed last week and the dentist was running very far behind. Then it was supposed to be fixed today and they called and needed to change my appointment--yet again! If they do this to me again, I am finding a new dentist! (Smileydoc - get ready!)



There is a touching story behind this - real quick - the dentist I have been going to for decades suddenly had a detached retina a few years ago. He had surgery. It detached again. He had surgery again. It detached again. Think about what that did to his practice! Boom, except for his assistants cleaning teeth, he couldn't do a thing! He hired a "substitute" dentist for a while and that was a real trip.... He actually ended up having like five more surgeries at Duke and still is not able to practice. Reminded me of the shock of losing my hearing overnight... You have to reevaluate and readjust everything in your life! I stuck with him.



Anyway, he had two sons Jeremy and Jessica's ages, and they both went to dental school in their dad's footsteps. His eldest just graduated and is taking over the practice, and his youngest graduates in May and is coming to the practice, too. Just a really neat family -- but DANG! I am ready to have my toopfth fixed! Hahaha! Maybe tomorrow.



All of these photos this week are of my veggies from my garden! It took long enough, but it finally just exploded! I have been canning like crazy! LOVE it! I took so many photos because



I am starting to shoot some for my next cookbook. I thought I would get it finished this summer, but with the antique shop, I have decided the cookbook is a better project for the fall and winter. Plus, with work having geared up the way it has, the last thing I want to do is sit in front of a computer when I get home in the evenings! It will be more relaxing to do that when the days are shorter.

Guess what! I went by the Antique Mall to check on my booth last Saturday and I noticed my Victorian couch looked a little funny. I went over to straighten it out and noticed two big gashes in the upholstery! They look like they were made with a matt knife! I was shocked. I mean if it didn't sell, and I really did not expect it to, I was going to put it back in my garage which I use as a sitting room during parties. It is/was a beautiful couch! I can still use it, but it just makes me sick! There is nothing the mall or I can do about it. They have cameras, but no mischief showed up. I am hoping it was an accident and someone just sat something down on it. Can you imagine the character of someone who would do that for a kick? Wow! The shop is doing



OK, though. I am seriously thinking of bringing some of my favorite paintings home now, though.

On a lighter note - Suddenly I have two new "friends" this week. That is kind of exciting! Maybe I will tell you more in the coming weeks... and maybe I won't (smile). Early stages!

The Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon is this weekend. I always love to fix a nice Bloody Mary and drag a lawn chair out and watch the race in my bathrobe with my neighbors. Then later in the race I get dressed and take Ollie along the route for a walk. He is fine until he

hears one of the bands. They kind of spook him. This is the race where everyone stops to pet him, have photos taken, chat, etc. The Shamrock Marathon is the one where they are extremely serious and may yell something about how beautiful he is, but they keep running. Ha!

This weekend is kind of a bummer because I had been invited to go out on a boat Sunday morning. I don't think I will be able to get out of my neighbor-





hood until noon! I could park at one of the schools across the highway, but it is such a bother. It really is hard to get across the race even on foot! I guess the boat will have to wait until the afternoon. Hope it is nice weather...

The Neptune Festival also starts this weekend. The whole month is packed with all sorts of cool wine tastings, art shows, sporting events, balls, and such. It is just a great time to live in Virginia Beach!

One last note. Sunday morning at 8:00 my phone rang and it was a neighbor who thought I had lost one of my birds. I hadn't, but they found one and they were trying to catch him. I took a spare cage down to them. Then about an hour later, I got another call from another neighbor with the same story. Went down there, and the cute little parrot-lette was chirping away and flying down and landing on the men's heads. For some reason, he really liked men! He acted like he wanted to be caught. He would not let anyone get near him with a hand or a towel, though. I have not had any calls lately, so I guess he flew off. Hope someone was able to catch the little baby. Sad. What is also sad



is that I guess I am known as the bird lady in the neighborhood! Hahaha!

I hope you have an awesome week and weekend!

Love to you all!

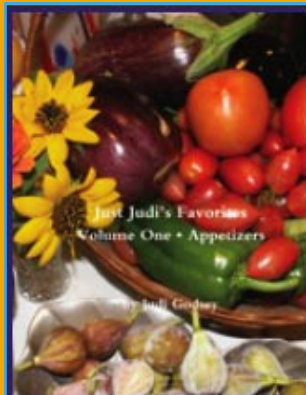


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God bless.
Remember, life is short!
We need to make it a good one.
Grow in peace and wisdom.
Your Friday Friend,



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!