



# FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Crazy busy! In a nut shell...

- Work never ceases to amaze me at how it is growing exponentially!
- Jeremy and Karla are still with me.
- Moving them into their new place, we think, this weekend.
- Neptune Festival has begun and I have friends involved who need support.
- Babies are breaking out everywhere...
- Weddings are breaking out, too. (Not in that order – smile...)
- Friends and family are having surgery.
- Even more friends are continuing to move from the area.
- The garden is bursting at the seams and the produce has to be canned!
- Have been trying to work out with Amanda at least two times a week.
- Trying to make it to some social events – when I can work them in.

Whew! I am sure there is more, but that will do for now.

Things are great, it is just very hectic. I keep thinking life is going to calm down a bit because sometimes this feels totally ridiculous, but it never really seems to. At least the busy-ness is for good reasons. Right?

Two babies I wanted to show you this week:

Here is Josey (not sure of the spelling) with her mom, Julie, and dad, Billy. Isn't she beautiful! She lives one door down, and we have been waiting anxiously for her arrival! Healthy, happy, and growing like a weed!



Here is Fletcher Brown! He lives in the D.C. area and was born to my friend (you may remember her from the Follies before – former students turned singer), Courtney, and her husband. Ahhh... life changes after a baby, doesn't it, Court? Here is a portion of a write-up I did on Courtney for the Follies back in 2004 – –



“One of my favorite students, discovered ‘late in life’ (during her college years) that she is an incredible singer! Courtney Totushek has been singing now in the D.C. and NYC area for several years, and has a huge following! If you would like to hear some of Courtney’s work, go to her website and check it out. Superb! As described in The Washington Post – “‘refreshing and soulful’ by George Washington University students and as having ‘a touch of Ani DiFranco’, folk singer/songwriter Courtney Totushek has established a solid following in the nation’s capital with her moving music and powerful stage presence.”

Can't wait to see more photos, Court! Or better yet, come on down to Virginia Beach for a visit!

KC and Greg had their engagement announced in the paper this week – incredible photo guys! KC was totally amazing during Jessica’s pre-wedding and wedding festivities. I do not know how I can ever repay her. What a true blue friend!

And Stephanie finally got to go on her honeymoon to Hawaii! I am anxious to see some photos of the wedding and the honeymoon trip!

Stephanie and I have a very “interesting” relationship...

...! About six months ago, she wrote me out of the blue saying that she had followed the Friday Follies for years back when I was married. She had never met me, but felt “connected” through the Follies and said



they helped her through many “rough spots” along her youthful journey. Well, the bottom line is that once I got a divorce and removed all references of myself from the “former” website, she lost touch. She said that one day she was thinking about them on the way to work, missing them, and wondered what in the heck had happened to me, because I never indicated anything was wrong in the Follies.

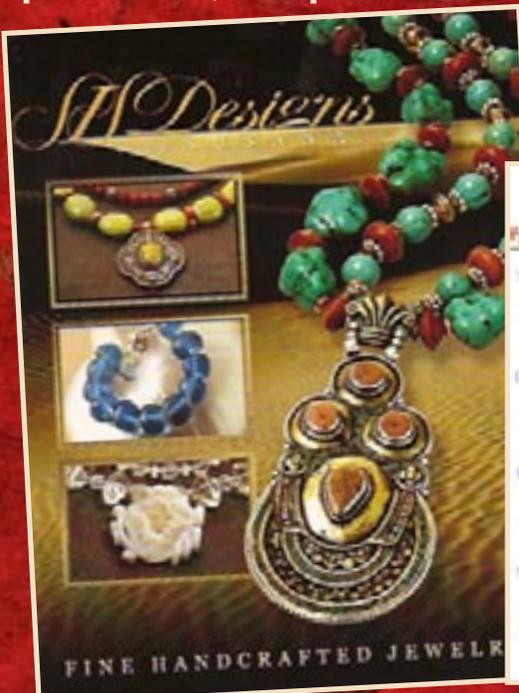


(Hence the name, Follies, folks...) She said one day she logged onto the old site and they were simply GONE! All but a couple of my photos had vanished, too. She thought perhaps I had DIED! Hahaha!

She said she plugged “Friday Follies” into Google... and There They WERE! She then proceeded to write me the most expressive, lovely notes about how the Follies had given her hope... We became quick “e-pals.”

Anyway, we have now shared her graduation from college, her engagement, and her wedding here on “The Beach” just a couple of weeks after Jessica’s wedding. Now she has gone to Maui on her honeymoon, and since I had spent some time there in a previous dating life, I sent her suggestions on some things to do and some places to see. I cannot wait to hear how it went and look forward not only to photos, but to meeting her someday! She is a sweetheart, and her emails meant the world to me! The ironic thing is that I lifted her when she needed it and she lifted me when I needed it! Life is amazing... yes?

Dr. Susanna sent me a notice of her “showings” coming up. She is on my links page, too, so look her up. Sis Design... Seems she will be in town this weekend for the Neptune Festival Art Show. I will have to pop by and visit – perhaps purchase some Christmas presents. (except that after all of this “kid” stuff, I am broke...!)

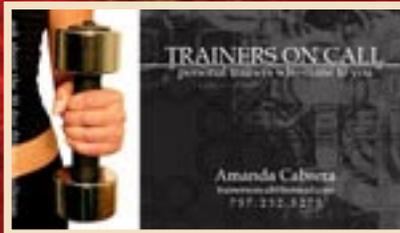


**Holiday Show Schedule**

- Neptune Festival* – Sept. 28th-30th  
Virginia Beach Boardwalk - Booth 2108
- Christmas Shop* – October 4th-7th  
Hahaketh Beach Convention Center, VA
- CPX's Holiday Bazaar* – Nov. 4th  
Lake Wight Inn, Northampton Blvd Norfolk, VA
- The Traveler's Market* – Nov. 8th-11th  
Salem Civic Center, Salem, VA
- VA Beach Christmas Market* – Nov. 23rd-25th  
Virginia Beach Convention Center, VA Beach
- The Academy Market* – Nov. 28th-Dec. 3rd  
Richmond University Complex, Richmond, VA
- National Museum of Women in the Arts*  
Dec. 4th-5th - Washington DC
- Virginia Squares of Marine Veterans*  
Dec. 8th 1:00-3:00pm - West Star Hotel

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I can't wait for the art show! During the Neptune Festival, all of the locals take back the "Beach" and have their own festivities. Great fun! Here are a couple of photos from last year's art show.



And my personal Trainer (for one month's experimentation) has just been hired by a brand new fitness center up on Shore Drive. I will miss her, but at least she got me started on the process of getting back in shape. I already feel better and will continue to work on it myself.

I think she is still going to continue to work with a few clients on the side, so still call her – those of you who had inquired about her services with me. She is excellent – and a beautiful person inside and out! You will not be disappointed!

Terri and Mike! Thanks for a very, very nice party! I wish I could have gotten there earlier, but I enjoyed it, the company, and the food just the same! Mike and Terri are the neighbors I met last year after my Liberty (Li'l Birdie) flew away. They are awesome and have football parties all of the time. This past week, they made a departure from that venue and held an awesome outdoor autumn feast in a clearing in the woods behind our neighborhood. Very cool. (Sorry – it was too dark to take photos...) Terri is the one who introduced us to the English class in Poland!



One more personal note to my buddy, Gloria, whose son, a Major in the Army, is returning home from his second tour in Iraq this October. She is headed to Hawaii (his home) to wait with his wife and son for his arrival. We are going to need lots of photos, Gloria! I cannot wait until I hear those words about my Andrew. Maybe soon. Keep praying, folks...



*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, 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*

ES. NOTE OF CAUTION... 20 employees were fired from The New York Times base 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!