
FRIDAY FOLLIES



October 17, 2003

Hey!

Happy October! There is so much going on here that is impossible to tell all. Just know that I am thinking about you and hope you have a grand weekend and week ahead. I am just focused and busy as usual.

Interesting, though. I looked back at this time last year and saw two amazing things in the Follies that are worth an update and repeat. The snipers...and a special birthday.



First, the snipers had just been caught and the Follies were all about the way that whole episode had affected friends and family in my life. Now, one year later, the papers are filled everyday with



Muhammed and Molvo's photos again as their trials are being held right here in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake. Creepy -- National media, everywhere. I am sure it will be a while before this plays out totally. The second thing that struck me was that I was planning a

HUGE birthday party this time last year. This year, it is just another day. No biggie. But last year...I got INTO it. I planned the party of all parties. It turned out to be a sleep-over for women my age. What a blast we had. I had just learned how to use PageMaker on the computer and had designed a birthday invitation that I sent out via email. I planned a birthday weekend near Virginia Beach in Sandbridge, Virginia.



It was a weekend away from all responsibilities for friends to come out for a while or for the entire weekend ...whatever they could make. It was glorious. A time I will never forget. Sincerely!

The funny thing is that most folks are so busy, I knew they wouldn't be able to stay for the whole weekend, but it was so ironic the way it all worked out. At one point most of the guests were involved in real estate or the Chamber of Commerce, or local businesses ...and another time,

most of the guests were involved in education or were authors or were administrators in schools and colleges...another time they were career moms, and my daughter and our "mutual" friends. I could not have planned it better if I had issued specific times for specific guests with specific interests. So many "connections" happened that weekend. There were so many women in business who did not know one another, but who went into business ventures afterwards. There were others in education who needed new staff and employees...,well, I think you get the picture...it was just like it was preordained. Very, very interesting weekend that changed more than a few lives.



Here are a few of the photos and some of the wording from the invitation.



*"Live your life and
forget your age!"
Norman Vincent Peale*



The guys go fishing, hunting, do football weekends, Hunters' Feasts...

This is our chance to "get away" for a little

Sisterhood.

Come for the party or come for the weekend. Your choice.

*Bring your favorite "Chick Flicks," favorite wine, midnight snacks, most comfortable jammies, warm-
est sweats for walks on the beach, your swim suit for the hot tub, marshmallows for the bon fire,*

great stories to tell,

AND...Remember...

*the only PRESENTS allowed
will be your PRESENCE.*



1950s 1960s 1970s 1980s 1990s 2000s
Ya-Ya, Ya'll!!



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I also want to say "Happy Birthday" to Betty, Johnny, Dorcus, Page, Sheila, Pamela, Susan, Debbie, and JoAnne!

Have a great weekend and I'll talk with you all next week.

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, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Chattanooga, New York, Oregon, Maine or Europe, have a wonderful, wonderful God bless.

Remember, life is short...we need to make it a good one.

Grow in peace and wisdom.

Your Friday Friend,

JUDI GODSEY



P.S. NOTE OF CAUTION... 20 employees were fired from The New York Times here in Norfolk for sending lewd and indecent e-mails. (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. P.S.S. 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!