



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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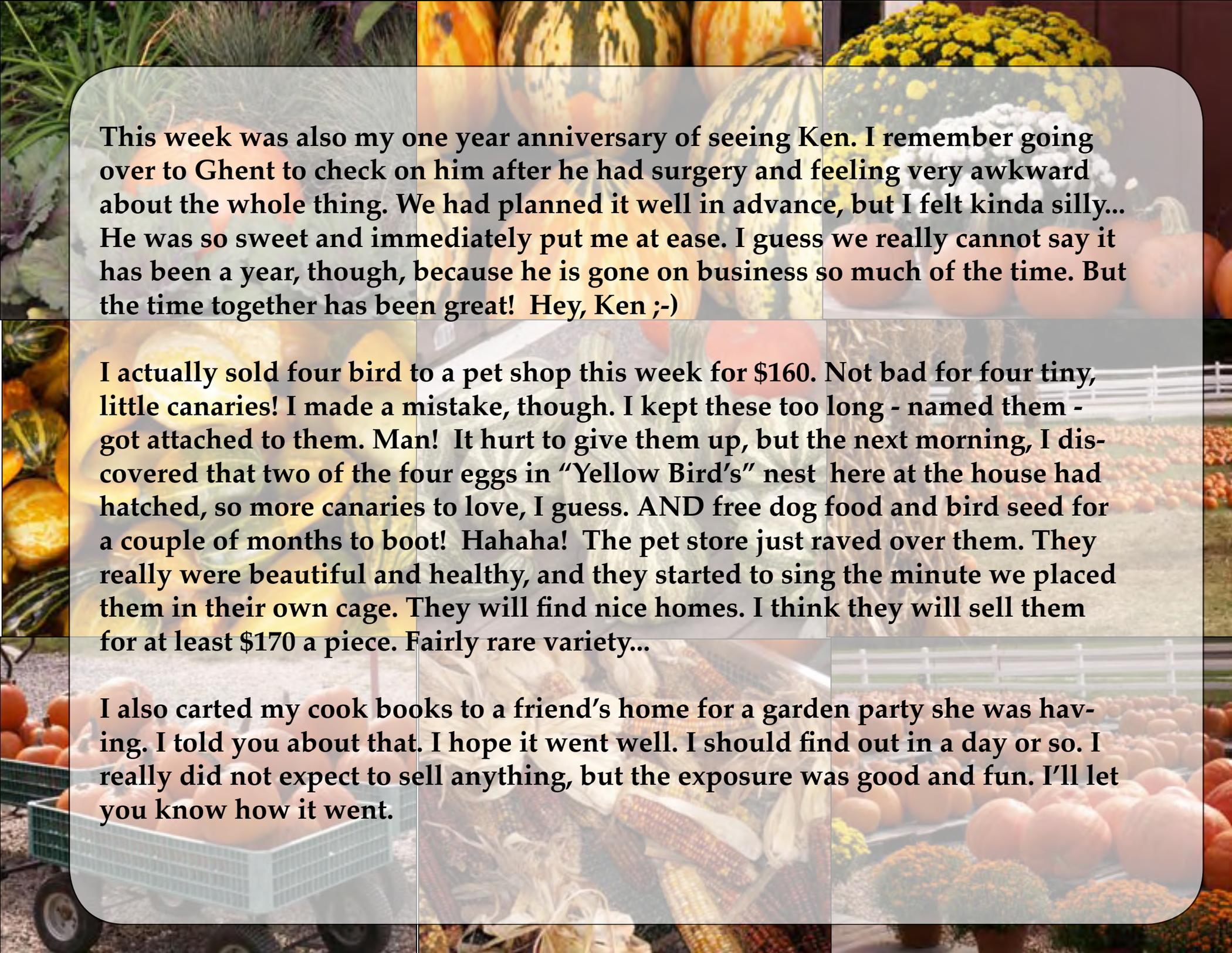
Hooray for a better day on Wall Street! And around the Globe! This is Monday evening as I type this, so we will see what the rest of the week brings!

I actually got my retirement statement this weekend and sat down and cried! Jessica called in the middle of my reading it and asked what was wrong... How can you explain that to someone 26? She kinda understands, though, since they have just bought a house and are running their own business.

The REALLY sad thing was that my horrible statement only reflected the drop as of September 30! Can you imagine what October did to me (us)? Just have to hang in there, I guess. Things will hopefully turn around... and hopefully before I have to RETIRE! I guess now I will be working until they place me in my grave! LOL! That is OK, though. I would probably be bored otherwise. I have been working day in and day out since I was thirteen. At least I believe in and love what I do!



Happy Birthday, Betty! I love you more than you can know! My sweet sister had a nice birthday this week. She is always so thoughtful. On my birthday - coming up - she always writes me the sweetest notes about the day I was born and what it meant to her. She has always been and always will be - - my idol!

This week was also my one year anniversary of seeing Ken. I remember going over to Ghent to check on him after he had surgery and feeling very awkward about the whole thing. We had planned it well in advance, but I felt kinda silly... He was so sweet and immediately put me at ease. I guess we really cannot say it has been a year, though, because he is gone on business so much of the time. But the time together has been great! Hey, Ken ;-)

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I actually sold four birds to a pet shop this week for \$160. Not bad for four tiny, little canaries! I made a mistake, though. I kept these too long - named them - got attached to them. Man! It hurt to give them up, but the next morning, I discovered that two of the four eggs in "Yellow Bird's" nest here at the house had hatched, so more canaries to love, I guess. AND free dog food and bird seed for a couple of months to boot! Hahaha! The pet store just raved over them. They really were beautiful and healthy, and they started to sing the minute we placed them in their own cage. They will find nice homes. I think they will sell them for at least \$170 a piece. Fairly rare variety...

I also carted my cook books to a friend's home for a garden party she was having. I told you about that. I hope it went well. I should find out in a day or so. I really did not expect to sell anything, but the exposure was good and fun. I'll let you know how it went.

Otherwise, cook book sales are going very well. Could be better, but with the economy the way it is, I am not complaining. Hey! \$2 a book, y'all!

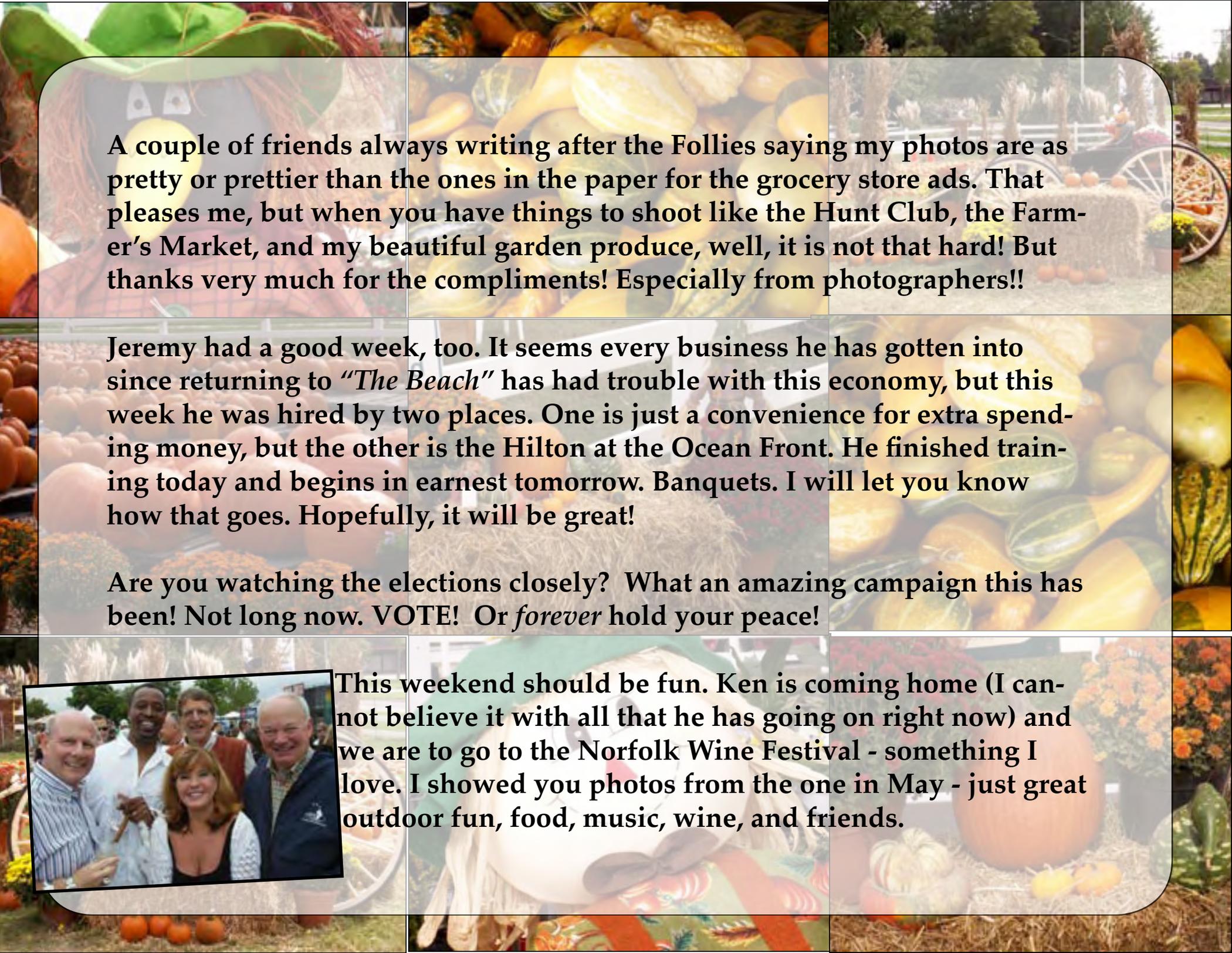
Volume Four • Salads is basically finished. I still need to print it out and "tweak" it a bit and that takes a week or so, but I will let you know when it is posted so you can take a look. Sides (one of my favorite), is next, Volume Five.



Blake Lewis is at the Jewish Mother this week. That is going to be so much fun! I am really looking forward to it because I think he is extremely talented. Jordan has done well, but Blake has his very own style, Ya know... Jess is very excited too. I will be sure to take photos. If you are local, come on out! Starts at 7:30 on Wednesday the 15th.

This past weekend was a lot of fun with parties, friends, football, and dinners to go to. Thanks, all. Let's do it again, soon!

I also worked in some time to go to the Farmer's Market, and then to the Hunt Club which is a really nice family farm here at "*The Beach.*" They have horses, a really neat petting zoo, a carnival, a pumpkin patch, Haunted Hey Rides, you name it! My favorite, you will see in a minute. A little Billy Goat who is several weeks old and loves to stand on Bonnie's back to eat. Just too freak'in cute! I WANT him!



A couple of friends always writing after the Follies saying my photos are as pretty or prettier than the ones in the paper for the grocery store ads. That pleases me, but when you have things to shoot like the Hunt Club, the Farmer's Market, and my beautiful garden produce, well, it is not that hard! But thanks very much for the compliments! Especially from photographers!!

Jeremy had a good week, too. It seems every business he has gotten into since returning to *"The Beach"* has had trouble with this economy, but this week he was hired by two places. One is just a convenience for extra spending money, but the other is the Hilton at the Ocean Front. He finished training today and begins in earnest tomorrow. Banquets. I will let you know how that goes. Hopefully, it will be great!

Are you watching the elections closely? What an amazing campaign this has been! Not long now. VOTE! Or *forever* hold your peace!



This weekend should be fun. Ken is coming home (I cannot believe it with all that he has going on right now) and we are to go to the Norfolk Wine Festival - something I love. I showed you photos from the one in May - just great outdoor fun, food, music, wine, and friends.



Ken has a vested interest in every, single team in the Major League playoffs this year! He lives in Tampa and has gone to those play off games. He has business in Boston and travels there a lot. He grew up in Philly and his daughter lives there now, so he goes to many of those games, and his AAA team in New Mexico just changed affiliations from the Florida Marlins to the LA Dodgers! Hahaha... He has business in LA this week and will even be at one of those games! So, I guess he will be pleased no matter who is in the World Series!

I am also looking forward to several really nice Halloween parties coming up in the next couple of weeks. I am not having one this year. Just too much expense right now - even though I know I will regret it. It is always so much fun! The house is already decorated and there is more food here than you can imagine, but the time, energy, and extra expense just is not going to "cut it" this year, I am afraid. Kinda gives me a breather, though.





Just know that I love you and love having parties for you. Maybe again, soon!



One thing I am worried about this weekend is the fact that the weather forecast is for 60's and rain! UGH! There is soooooo much going on this weekend. What a shame that would be! Saturday morning starts off with a One Mile Family Race where I work, and then they have their HUGE annual Fall Festival - something to behold! Then, like I said, we are to go to the Wine Festival - also outdoors. I guess everything will be called off, if it rains. We will see.



OK! Have a great, great week, and I will talk with you next! It seems lately that every week brings a new adventure, doesn't it? And not always good!

Pray for some peace, Y'all.





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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

P.S. 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!