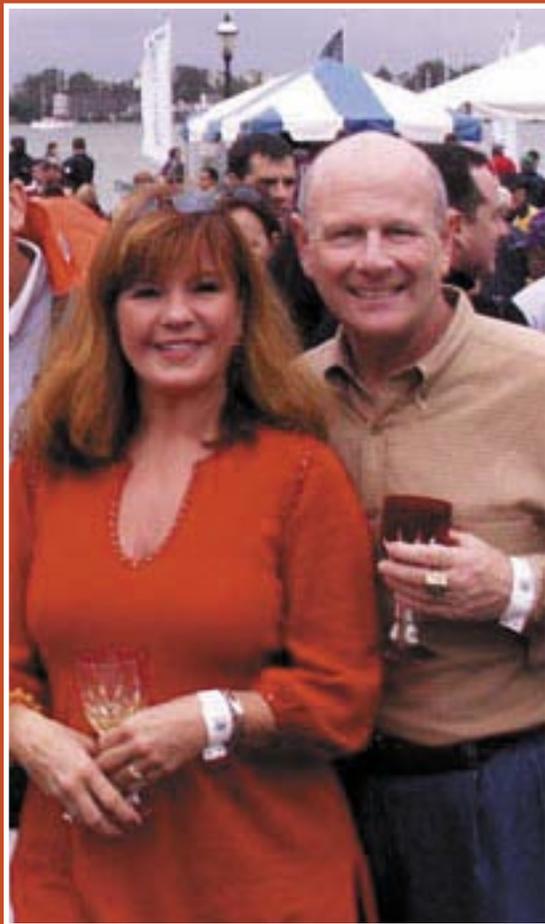
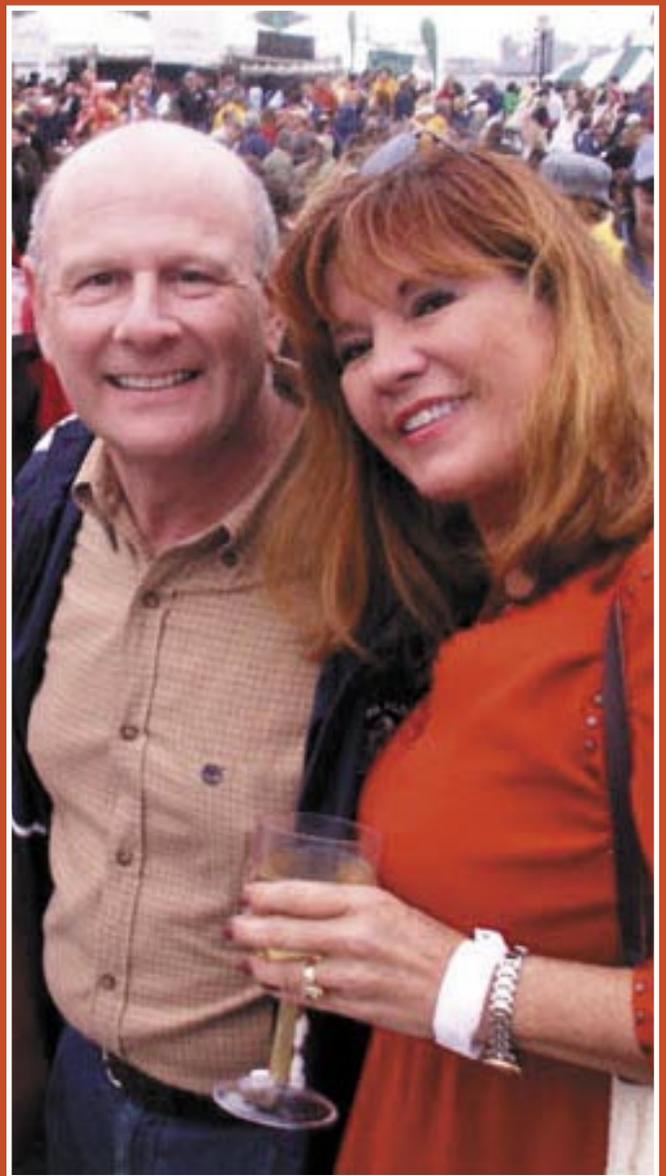


FRIDAY FOLLIES

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OK, American Idol fans -- it was a pretty cool concert! Blake Lewis was not the only attraction!

His BFF, everyone's favorite boy-next-door and local resident, Chris Richardson, showed up and did several songs with him! Just very, very cool.

I LOVE Blake - think he is HUGELY talented and with wide appeal, but Chris is everybody's favorite, locally, anyway! When the two of them performed together, there was a marked difference in the crowd's reaction. I really think they ought to consider developing an act together... Even the paper talked about Chris' ability as a writer and how Blake was going to be doing some of his songs. Blake is a much stronger voice, but man, the two of them together was pretty much FUN! You could just tell they were enjoying it so much, too!

When Chris came in, Jessica spotted him standing over in a dark corner by himself with a baseball cap on. She pointed him out to me, and I stood up and took a couple of photos. I had to zoom all the way out, so I really did not get good photos of him, but



Jess said, "Mom, he is smiling at you!" It would have been cool if those had turned out because no one even knew he was there yet, but they are just a dark blur! LOL!

Pamela from my office went with me (hates to have her photo taken, too) and Jessica, Laura, and Edie joined us. There was another couple at our table from Maryland who were just here on vacation and read about it in the paper. They were probably in their late sixties - early seventies. They were so excited. They said they, "liked Blake a lot better than that Jordan..." Hahaha!

When I told them the rumor was that Chris Richardson was to join Blake on stage, the man, Bob, got so excited! He said, "Oh! I loved him! I voted for him over and over!" It was just really cute to see tweens, young adults, old folks like me, and then even much older people enjoying the show.

Malcolm from the paper was there to do an article and I got a chance to visit with him for a bit, and also my favorite photographer for the paper, David. Man! I wished I had his camera... whew!

Blake was to stay after the show and sign autographs and take photos with folks, and I am sure that Chris did, too. Honestly! I had enjoyed the show, but wanted to get home to see the grand finale of Project Runway. LOL! We all did and left. No one cared that the last Presidential debate was on. Just too much fun! I kinda regret not staying now, but as I was leaving, I saw the gentleman, Bob, with my son-in-law asking him to help him get Chris's autograph. It was just adorable!

On the next page are just a few of the shots I tried to get of the two of them performing together. Not bad for a cheap little camera!





Saturday was absolutely FILLED with activities -- OUT-DOOR activities -- and it RAINED most of the day. Didn't stop anyone, though! That morning was a race and a HUGE Fall Festival where I work, so I was there until noon walking around in the - at that time - *pouring* rain. Then I went to Norfolk and joined Ken and some friends for the fall Wine Festival at Town Point Park in Norfolk. I think I told you about the one last spring, but the one in the fall is an institution and is much better established and attended.

Too bad it had to rain, but honestly, after a few glasses (or bottles) of wine - NO ONE seemed to even notice anymore! LOL! And no one really cared how bad they looked because *everyone* was pretty drenched by the end of the afternoon! Hahaha! It did slack up during the afternoon, though, with only having to pull out umbrellas and ponchos a few times.

When we first got there, friend of ours gave us wine goblets with claws on them from the dollar store and we decided we liked them better than the fancy ones. Ken stuck the nice ones in his back pockets and walked around like that for an hour collecting rain water! LOL!

Saw tons of folks I had not seen in a while and tons that I see often. My buddy Lewis was the entertainment and was awesome, as always! Our table was right down front, but as with everyone else, we floated (literally) around the park to visit different friends' tables. Food was plentiful, too!





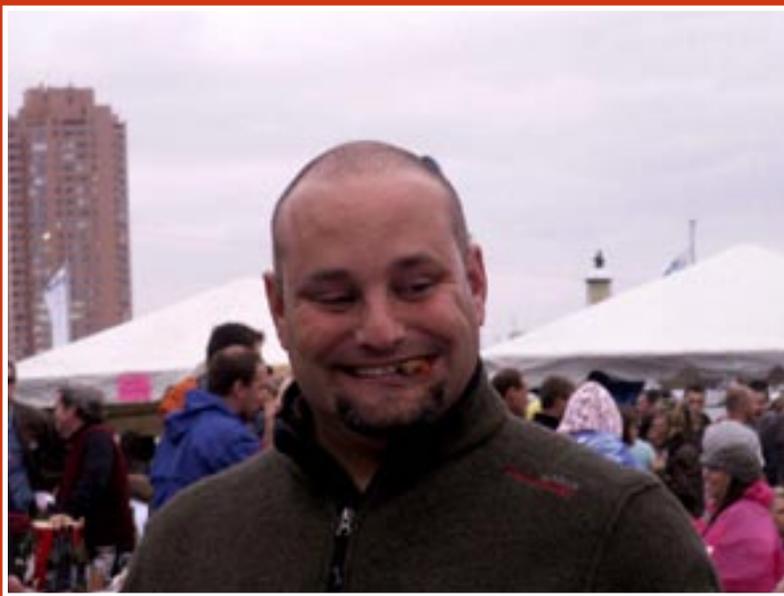
There was my **LONG-TIME** buddy, Jimmy. Ken's long-time buddy, Jimmy. Kaddy and Joe were at the next table, and Joe and I decided we would celebrate our birthdays that way every year. Our friend, Nicole, a local TV anchor was busy networking and laughed when I got this photo. Anthony, the Vice Mayor of Norfolk was there with his family. His **BEAUTIFUL** niece goes to Hampton University and did an internship with Ken this summer. I saw Jeff - a long **LOST** friend - but did not have a camera with me! Glad to reconnect, Jeff!





And then I looked up and there was my next door neighbor, Bob, from Virginia Beach!! Just too funny! Sheila and her friend stopped by near the end of the event to show me their medals! Whoo Hoo! Ken's Assistant Manager for the Tides was there, and he had just this week had surgery on his ACL! And of course, no party would be a party without Carole, Dave, Betty, and Larry! Man, did they put on a Halloween spread! Just a glorious, fun afternoon of wine, laughs, good food, music, and friends in the pouring rain!





There were just interesting people and conversation everywhere you turned. For example - this guy was standing there talking to me and actually ATE his paper napkin... Need I say more...

After the event, we went back to Ken's for some dinner and to watch the Tampa Bay Ray's game. I think I might have watched the first fifteen minutes, but was out like a light for the rest of the game. Ken said he fell asleep, too, and woke up near the end of the game. Thank Heavens the GOOD game was on last night. Go Ray!



Sunday we just did chores at our respective houses and then walked on the Board walk at the beach. Too cold and windy. After that, we went to a couple of places for drinks, dinner, and some football.

Tomorrow night I think we are going out to celebrate my birthday (not until Thursday), and then Ken is off to the World Series! BOTH of his teams are in it this year, but his heart is with the Ray! He has friend from Philly and Tampa asking him to get them tickets. I think he said he has gotten 82 so far! Friends are popping up from everywhere! He is loving it, though.



OK. BUY Cook Books! The holidays are coming and I need to make some extra money (smile) and you could use some *good recipes!*



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,
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York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Bangkok, or Yuma, have a wonderful,
wonderful week!*

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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!