

# Halloween Follies

November 12, 2004

Just a bit late . . .



Hey!

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Happy Belated Halloween! You know I love Halloween! I just have not had time to put these together! Hope yours was appropriately scary. Mine was great!

The night before Halloween I had my Open House for the neighbors. Then that Saturday night I went to a sensational Costume Party. It gets bigger and fancier every year! This year was the best yet. There was a D.J. with great music, awesome food, lights, drinks, contests, parades, friends, celebrities -- you name it.

Just look who was there! Dolly Parton and Willie Nelson (They had actually just gotten married), Sonny and Cher (Cher was there somewhere . . .) Austin Stevens and his leopard (not quite tamed yet . . .) Pamela Anderson and Tommy Lee, Brittany Spears doing a dance routine, and my personal favorite - - The Heinsman Trophy himself! Can you believe it? I swear - some people are so clever. I was a Japanese Geisha girl, but my photos are not back yet - - Thank heavens.





Elvis and the Costume Parade!

This guy is just way too clever!  
... and comfortable!



Goin' fishin' ...



Beth - trust me - you don't need them!

Drac was cool as usual.





Party on!

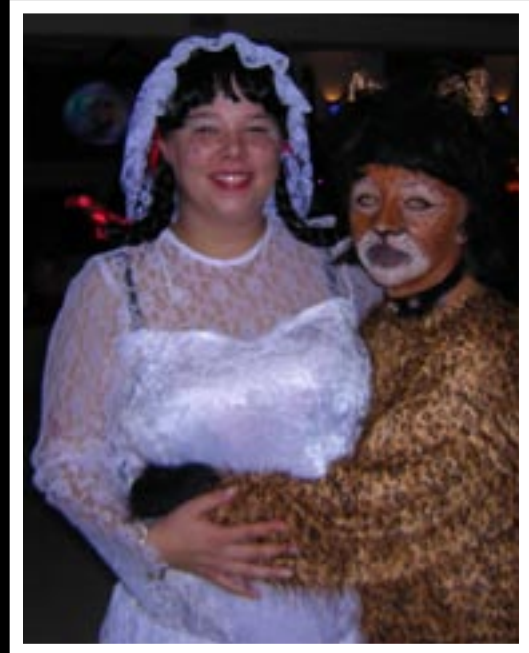


Strange minglings!

The farmer's pregnant daughter . . .



And these two I just had to get. They were giggling like two hand-maidens. They laughed so hard when I got this photo.



Hut . . . Hut!



A friend sent this to me this week, and I just loved it - but then I loved Bridget Jones. I thought I would share it with you this week . . .

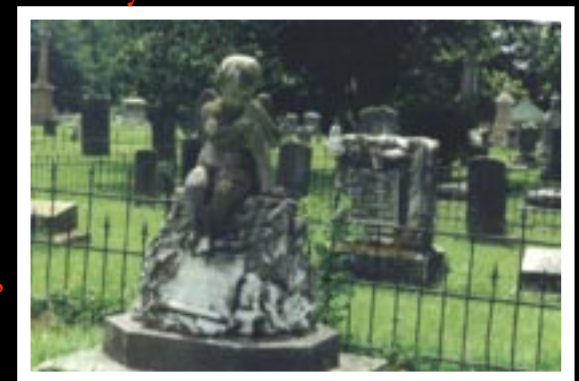
## THE RULES FOR LIVING –

From “Olivia Joules and the Overactive Imagination”  
by Helen Fielding (Bridget Jones Diary)

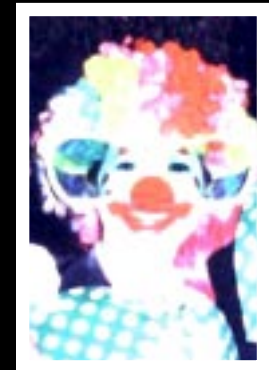
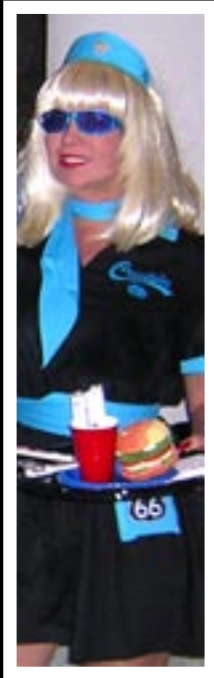
1. Never panic. Stop, breath, think.
2. No one is thinking about you. They're thinking about themselves, just like you.
3. Never change haircut or color before an important event.
4. Nothing is either as bad or good as it seems.
5. Do as you would be done by, e.g. thou shall not kill.
6. It is better to buy one expensive thing that you really like than several cheap ones that you only quite like.
7. Hardly anything matters. If you get upset, ask yourself, “Does it really matter?”
8. The key to success lies in how you pick yourself up from failure.
9. Be honest and kind.
10. Only buy clothes that make you feel like doing a small dance.
11. Trust your instincts, not your overactive imagination.
12. When overwhelmed by disaster, check if it's really a disaster by doing the following:
  - (a) think “OH F\_\_\_K it”,
  - (b) look on the bright side and, if that doesn't work, look on the funny side. If niether of the above works then maybe its a disaster so turn to items 1 and 4.
13. Don't expect the world to be safe or life to be fair.
14. Sometimes you just have to go with the flow.
15. Don't regret anything. Remember there wasn't anything else that could have happened, given who you were and the state of the world at that moment. The only thing you can change is the present, so learn from the past.

And then Olivia's own practical application of this:

16. If you start regretting something and thinking, “I should have done..” always add, “but then I might have been run over by a lorry or blown up by a Japanese manned torpedo.”



This week I will leave you with images of  
Halloweens past - -



**T**o 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., Iraq, Costa Rica, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Chattanooga, New York, Oregon, Maine, Australia, Europe, or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week.

**G**od 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. 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!