



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Hey!

So, here you have it in living color! - The difference between Virginia and Florida this time of year!

Wow! No comparison, really! Here, it is chilly, brisk, leaves turning, short days...

There it is beaches, Hibiscus, lemon trees, ferns, sunshine, and 80's!

Yup! I went to see Ken in Tampa this past week. So glad I did! It was beautiful fun, and very relaxing!

Several of you wrote to ask what was wrong because there were no Follies last week. Well, I just kinda ran out of time before I left. Nothing was wrong... I was just taking a much needed break! Thank you, though. It made me feel good to be missed.

I have never really liked Florida that much, I guess because I lived in California and Miami just could not compare. I grew up going to the panhandle of Florida on vacations and I did like that. But Tampa was the best of both - the gulf coast and the west coast. You can actually sit



on the beach and watch the sun go down... Something you really can't do in Virginia Beach or on the east coast of Florida. I really loved it!

The first morning I was there, I made "friends" with a female duck and her ducklings on the lake behind Ken's house. She brought the babies right

up to me to feed them. Ken said he had never seen that happen before. But suddenly we noticed a gator sunning himself on the slope and everyone and everyduck FROZE in our place! The gator got spooked and flipped off into the water. He was about five feet long! Anyway, if you look at the top right photo very carefully, you can see top of his head sticking up out of the water in the middle of the lake. I am not kidding you, Mama duck and babies did not move for the longest time. They were like statues. Needless to say, I never saw them again!

We saw the gator several other times, but never could grab the camera fast enough!

Man, they can MOVE!



We ate and we drank and we ate and we drank some more! Just had a lazy, good time. Ken loved showing off his city! It really is very beautiful. I had been there about 12 years ago for a conference, but really did not remember too much of it. We spent time in Ybor City watching the night life, cigar rolling, and dining at the Columbia. The place takes up an entire city block and has been there forever. Great Spanish cuisine and different types of music in every room.



We also dined at 717, a great Italian restaurant, in South Tampa - Hydes Park - with some of his family and his business partner.



There was also a lazy,



sunny afternoon of piña coladas and Caribbean food at the Bahama Breeze restaurant on the causeway.

We toured his brand new office complexes in North Tampa and also spent the day at the beach in Clearwater.





It was 83 degrees with a gentle breeze, and I am telling you, it was a perfect day to be on the beach!

And what made it even more fun was that the Foster Grant International Ironman Competition was being held that day. There were people, literally, from all over the world there. Almost no one spoke without a strong accent. We met folks from Brazil, Columbia, Nova Scotia, you name it. Very interesting crowd and fun to watch. We even watched as the oldest contestant crossed the finish line, a 73 year old man. I tried to take a photo but got the back of another camera man instead. (Next page)



To the right are the male and female winners. Below that is the 73 year old as he prepares to cross the finish line. And the bottom photo is of a cute Canadian couple we met. She finished in under 5 hours and won for her age group. She was only 44, but was the oldest in her bracket. Can you imagine being 44 and competing in a 70.3 mile race? Just blows me away. Most of the time they were swimming and biking and running, I was eating and drinking! Hahaha!

Anyway, I am back in the saddle now and am strapped with new deadlines! It is Ok, though. The break did me good, and I am enjoying the magazine I am preparing now.

I will tell you this, though... I get a little nervous traveling and going through security by myself - being deaf. It has



never really been a problem, but it concerns me, just the same.

Well, on the way home, it happened. I was going through security and this security guard comes up to me and says, "I asked you to step this way!" I told him I was deaf, and he immediately calmed down. But they put me through that stupid booth-like machine where they take the photos of you in different positions! I have visions of my "see through" images being posted on the Internet somewhere. LOL!

Then, when I finished with that and got all of my stuff back on, they were holding my bag for inspection. They took everything out and wiped it down with those tissues. The guy said he guessed my travel curlers did it. Who knows, but I was almost late for my flight. That would have been a real bummer. Traveling is always such an experience.

I wanted to include this photo of my good friend Dan, his son Danny, and his uncle Dave with President-elect Obama! Very cool, huh? I have another of another friend of mine who worked with him, and, of course, the one of Ken with him holding the Tides jersey that I keep forgetting to get a copy of. Maybe I will show those to you later.

So glad the election is over. But what a moment in time, yes? I simply wept as I watched the reactions around the globe. Jeremy went to vote with me and it was so interesting hearing his perspective. Jessica texted me all night long and I loved the things she had to say. Just a very special night whether



you were for him or not. Now it is time to put all of that behind us and pray for him and for his family daily.

He is going to need it and WE are going to need HIM.

OK, You know I have to put in a plug for my cook book! It is online and is actually out selling the others to date. I guess folks like fresh, garden salads and dressing! I sure do! If you have not checked them out, please do. I have several friends who said since the website gives you 15 pages to preview, they are just going to get the recipes from those. NOT NICE! HAhaa! Please buy a cook-book for someone you love for Christmas! Help me out here! I would do it for you! (Smile)

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OK, the last time I did the Follies, I promised you more Halloween babies. I just cannot let them go to waste. The only one that is not a baby is my buddy, Robert, (above) as the redskin! Hahaha! He was hilarious.



The rest of these angels are just for your viewing pleasure! I think my personal favorites are the Harry Potter boys, the identical twins, and the "Joe the Plumbers!"





Have a great week and remember to continue to pray for our troops! They still need to come home safe, successful, and soon!

God Bless!



*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!