



Friday Follies

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What a week, man! So much happened, and I didn't even take photos of most of it! My camera has been on the "brink." Sometimes it works, and sometimes it doesn't -- mostly, it doesn't -- there is a problem with the battery door. May be time for new digital! It would cost as much to get it fixed as to get a new one. I would like one like I have for work, but it is really too big for a personal camera. I need one I can stick in my purse when I go out. Will start looking. Suggestions are welcomed...

Hey! First and foremost this week - there is a new "button" on the website for my movies!

<http://www.judiwithani.com>

What am I talking about - *movies* - I only have one right now... the one I told you about last week where I did a memorial to my mom. It is online now, so please take a look and see what you think. The DVD is TEN TIMES better because it fills the whole screen and is not distorted in any way, but there is really no way to put the DVD online. It would be too big for you to download. Anyway, I really enjoyed both learning how to make it and creating a documentary about my absolutely incredible Mom on this second anniversary of her passing. She was remarkable, to say the least. I miss her every, single day... even though she is still with me - every, single day...

FIGS! They have ripened! I am cooking every night after work right now, and they are awesome! The recipes I have on the website called "Figs! Glorious Figs!" all came from *Mississippi Magazine*

and, the truth be told, I had never cooked figs before in my life, so I had not tried those recipes, yet. Oh, My! Not the case now!



I have mountains of figs!

I have cooked *Fig Preserves, Figs Wrapped In Bacon Stuffed With Goats Cheese And Rosemary*, and now, my favorite, *Fig Conserve - YUMM!* Jess was over here yesterday afternoon when I went out to pick the fresh figs. At 9:00 p.m. when I finished and was ready to start canning it, I called her to come to the kitchen to taste it. She was floored! It is simply out of this world! Conserve, (unlike preserves which are just “saturating” the figs with their own natural juices - enhanced with sugar) are different in that they have oranges, pineapple, and pecans in them and can be used on anything from ice cream, to biscuits, to a side sauce for meats. She was blown away. I am making that again tonight! I want LOTS of that on hand this winter. I must be getting old - but I am telling you - this is so much FUN! Ahh! The simple pleasures of life. That is what makes one truly *happy!*



My painting from Independence Day was finally finished and hung this morning! (Camera not working, so this is the best that I can show you...)

Jessica surprised me this week and told me that she and a friend are moving into a house just down the street on August 15! I am so excited and happy for her! She has been living at her father's place - free room and board - because he is an airline pilot and is never home. But he remarried recently and now she is not alone when he is gone. She needs her own place. This will be so good for her. AND she is right down the street! How happy am I?

Jeremy also wrote this week to send me his quote for Mom's cook book, *Maxine's Cuisine*, and he said he had the very best month he has had since he moved to Lake Tahoe almost a year ago. He started a transportation company, has five cars and 8 drivers and July was TOPS! He feels rich and is very happy! He should be. He lives, as he stated, “ a stone's throw from 25 hotels, 4 casinos - a tenth of a mile from the world's largest Alpine Lake - and within 100 miles of 50 ski areas and 100

golf courses.” I would be happy, too! I cannot wait to go see him this fall or winter. I am so glad I waited, though. This summer would have been ridiculously busy, if I had gone out. We would not have enjoyed seeing each other for lack of quality time.

Look at this from this week! I am so proud of myself! Pearl is in her place, now (Very Happy, I might add.) The garage is cleared out (as much as possible at this time), and the new storage units and holiday boxes are on their appropriate sides of the garage! I bought the new door for the side yard, complete with window and built-in blind, and I have the best present I could ever give myself!

Do not laugh! I have wanted one of these since *Isabel* two years ago. I bought a GENERATOR! I am ecstatic! I feel like I bought myself a diamond ring! I may never get the chance to

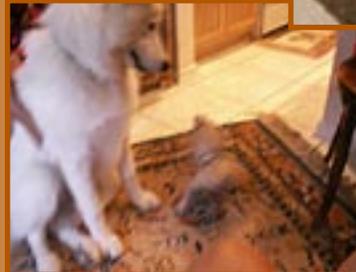
use it, but just knowing she is in the garage gives me a great, secure feeling. I mean, *Isabel* was only a category ONE, but the City of Virginia Beach was without power for 7 1/2 days! This is a small one, but can run my refrigerator, com-



puter, a lamp and a small TV. What else do you need, right? I can even recharge my cell phone with this thing. Man, I feel ready!

Jess was baby sitting a two-month-old Pug puppy named "Oddie" this week. She brought Oddie over, and Oliver did not know what to think. I swear, Ollie is amazing! He is six months old and 60 pounds already. He is taller than the neighbor's three-year-old Bouvier! What the heck am I gonna do? Get him outside - that is what I am gonna do! What a sweet dog, though. He is protective and watches the house, but is sweet and loving and gentle. He is simply the best!

I went to see my good friend Susan's new, incredible house on a golf course this week. Man! Talk about beautiful! They are - in the next few months - for six months - going on their new boat to the Carribean. She will be home-schooling their four beautiful children (all on the Follies list), and we thought I might be able to take care of their Quaker Parrot, Shelby, while they are gone. But after meeting Shelby, I am not so sure. She is LOUD and very active. Liberty is quiet and calm and sweet. Time will tell. I may try to bring Shelby over for a weekend and see what happens, but I am having second thoughts, now.



I mean - look at this. Liberty just does his own thing and leaves everyone alone so long as he can get some attention every once in awhile. Can you see him hiding between the book shelves here? So sweet.



One more thing this week and then I want you to go to the website and view the movie - -

A really neat kid who graduated from high school with Jessica in 2000, Mark Pike, just recently graduated from Duke. He wanted to take a cross-country trip and did not know how he would pay for it with gas prices so high, so he and two friends got a corporate sponsor who gave him a car and PAID for his gas to go cross-country - not gas, though, folks - ETHANOL only!

Very, very cool and clever! He now has a website, met senators, governors, and celebrities along the way, has had newspaper articles written about him everywhere, and has a new rap video on YouTube.com that is getting quite a few hits. Check it out! Jess always claimed Mark was the funniest human on Earth. I think she may have been right. Good luck and congratulations, Mark! Randy, I know you are proud!
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbCKdC5Q-0c>



Mark Pike, 24, center, and his buddies Lucas Schaefer, 20L, and Will Fulkmer drove past Nebraska cornfields in a Ford Crown Victoria fueled by ethanol.

OK, I am off today due to construction at my job site. Jess is at the Warp Concert, and I am headed to the BEACH down the street for a few hours! I will send these on to you tonight. Not many more days like this! Enjoy for a while and forget all of your troubles.

Peace until next week, ya'll.

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, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Saudi Arabia, Chattanooga, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Europe, 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



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!