

FRIDAY FOLLIES

August 18, 2006



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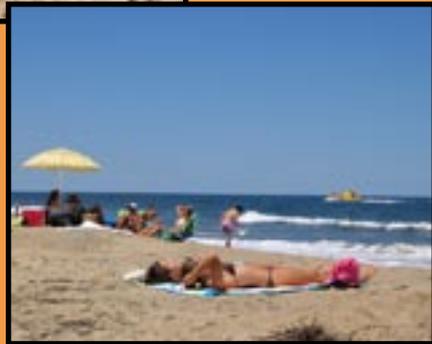
What a great and productive week! I hope yours was, too! Like I said, I can tell school is getting ready to start because work has been incredibly & increasingly hectic. That is OK, though. Keeps your mind off of the "other." The Middle East has me on edge - just as

with everyone - but we must continue on. I pray it will get better, as it is at this writing on Monday evening. We will see how long it lasts. Iraq/Iran - well - that is another subject, altogether... Just pray it settles down - and soon.

The weather here has been incredible! It has been in the LOW 80's and no rain. (Heck, we haven't had rain in about six weeks - Seriously!) But I am not complaining for fear of a hurricane headed our way! LOL! The bottom line is, we (the locals) have had some wonderful time to visit the beach without so many tourists. Trust me, they are still here, but not in the numbers we had in July. And September and October at "The Beach" are the best two months of the entire year! They are why people live at "The Beach!" Just Heavenly!

I went out with a friend to a local "Hot Spot" this weekend, Kokamo's. (Camera still on the blink - but then - sometimes it is just not appropriate to break out the camera - I am sure you know what I mean.) We had a blast! It is **Happening!** But "The Beach" is so fickle! Places come and go with every season. But,





man, Kokamo's is the place right now, anyway. Just absolutely amazing. Beautiful people every where you look...! Geeze!

I also managed some "Beach Time" this weekend. I went to my old "Stomping Ground" - 45th street and visited with some former neighbors - one had just gotten back from the Middle East - amazing stories - that was interesting - and Jess invited me to 52nd street to see some of her friends. Suzanne and Lee Ann were at 85th street, but I never made it up that far. Shame... I am sure they had fun, too.

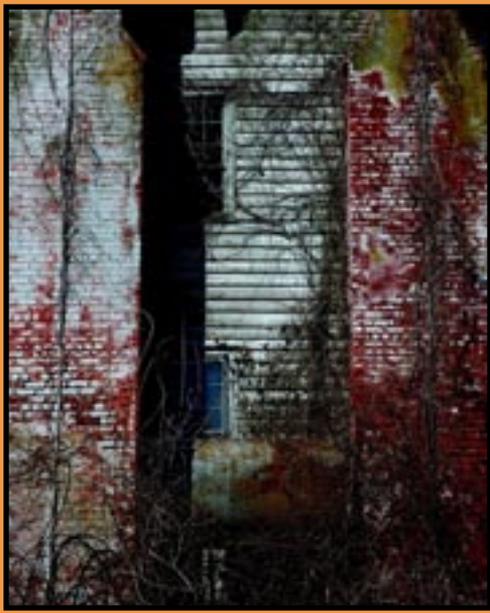
(Oh, Jess's moving-in date has been changed to the 21st... I'll keep you posted.)



Hey! Look at this little girl! She is carrying a Jelly-fish! I kept seeing at least ten little girls file past me with this "ick" in their hands! I wandered over to see what was going on, and they were having this giant "Jelly-fish Funeral!"



Just disgusting! I guess their parents didn't tell them that they can still sting after they are dead... Yikes!



Hey! Look at this! I have several friends, in fact, numerous friends, on these Follies lists that are professional photographers. One of them sent me these photos this week and is even making a print of the top one for an area in my dining room!

After I painted my "Fourth of July Flag," I made this little area in my dining room that is red, white, and blue. Don't laugh, it is really very nice.



Anyway, he sent me these photos he just took recently, and I almost died! I just love them! He is making a print of the top one for me to hang beside my flag. Very cool!



I have to give him some Fig Conserves, though. Trust me, that is not a problem. I have scores of jars with more on the way. MMMmmm!

Thanks, Tony! If you want to see more of his work, go to <http://www.photo.net/photos/Tony%20Bijoux> I added his link this week.



Another friend of mine is an exceptional photographer and great friend. She had a cook out/party Saturday night that was unbelievable! She always makes everything look so easy - when you know she has spent hours on it! Honestly - Dee makes me look (and feel) LAZY! There was so much food, I honestly was wishing for someone to drive me home! And not because I had too much to drink, folks - - because I had eaten so much, I was about to die! What fun, Dee! Thanks!



Dee's website is great and is also linked to mine, so check it out. Dee Akright - Oh, and, no, she did not take any of these photos... LOL!





Watch for Jessica's movie!

teresting. I do not want to agree with him -- but I am afraid I have to. He is a retired U.S. Navy admiral, has served as commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet (the largest single military command), was the senior U.S.

military representative to the United Nations, and was deputy chief of naval operations where he was principal adviser on all Joint Chiefs of Staff matters. Impressive...

Well, two more quick incidental things:

(1) I bought a harness for Oliver this week. He is just too strong for me. He has pulled both me and Jessica down to the ground on walks. He does not mean to, he is just a HUGE puppy and has no idea how big and strong he is. Being a Samoyed, he has incredible strength in his front legs and chest. If he sees another dog -- forget it -- you are going with HIM -- not visa versa.

Well, all of that changed last night! I put the harness on him, which to me makes no sense at all -- I mean if his strength is in his front quarter, then I would think a harness would make it worse -- but it didn't. It stopped the pulling completely! He has been a total ANGEL on his walks. It just gives me more control. Whew! Can't wait for that door to be cut in the garage! My helpers have been overworked getting the facilities ready for the students to come back -- so maybe in a week or so. I HOPE!

(2) Now, don't laugh... The last incidental this week is that I had this melody playing over and over in my head all week. So much so, that it was annoying! So, I got out the tape recorder and recorded it! Then I wrote five verses to go with it. I think it is really good! If I can find someone to sing it so I can record it, I will put it on the website for you. I am seriously thinking of getting a copyright for it! It is called "America..." I think it is BEAUTIFUL! I hear an orchestra and choirs singing when I sing it. Ha! Hey! Stranger things have happened!

OK, gotta go. Have a great week and weekend, ya'll, and hit that website...! New recipes, books, more movies soon, new links, and lots more stuff. Over 105,000 hits so far. WOW!

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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, 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

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. 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!