

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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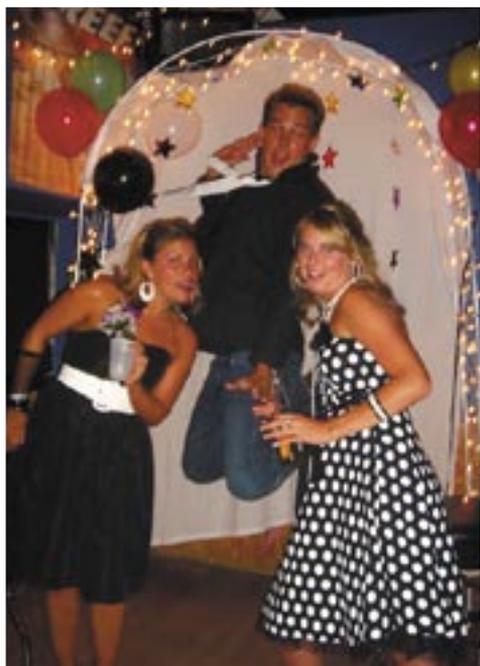
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Oh, my Gosh! I do not remember having that much FUN in a very, very, long time! Jessica and her friend, Laura, both turned 24 last week, so they rented out a small club on 17th Street between Atlantic and Pacific Avenues, "Ocean 17," decorated it for an "80's Prom Night"

party - complete with an arch for prom photos - asked all of their friends to dress "80's," and then opened the doors at 9:30 Friday night! Man! What a cool idea! All of the girls had gutted the local thrift stores for dresses and accessories, and the guys showed up in suits, collars turned up, and corsages in hand. Very, very, very cool!

Jessica had "begged" me to come. I felt a bit stupid and had called several friends to join me that I thought might enjoy it, but no one was available... so, I got dressed - not 80's style - and went by myself. I am sooo glad that I did.

When I found a parking space and walked into the crowd, I could not believe it. It was



like stepping back in time with the “disco-mirror ball,” the “Prom Photo” arch, the balloons, the music - Debbie Gibson, Michael Jackson, you name it - and, the clothes! Just Awesome! And actually, very classic. I thought my beautiful Jessica looked like Grace Kelly in her black and white, headband and lace gloves.

But wouldn't you know it, five minutes after getting there, my camera broke! I had to depend on others for photos... something I hate to do! I am sure there will be others coming after a few more days... I will send them on...

Jessica was watching the door, and I saw her spot me when I came in. The look on her face made me know that I did not make a mistake by going, even if alone! It was sheer shock and delight!

She screamed, immediately grabbed me, had someone get me a drink, and then proceeded to walk me around the place introducing me to those I didn't know! I saw a ton of kids I had not seen for years, literally, and they continued to file through the door all night long. Without exception, each and every one of them saw me, smiled, and yelled, “Mrs. Jones!” while hugging my neck! (That was my name to most of these kid - too sweet that they still call me that.) Jessica “stuck like glue” (which really surprised me) for most of the time I was there, and she said repeatedly, “Mom, you will never know how much it means to me that you came!” Now how sweet was that? I had to keep reminding her to “Go Play!” I finally left about mid-night so she could really enjoy herself.



Her date was such a sweetheart. (First page - jumping in the air...) LG is from the Beach, but his dad owns a surf board clothing and equipment company here and in Hawaii. LG has been in Hawaii for three years running that business, and this was his first time home in about that long. It turned out that his family was throwing a big "Welcome Home" party for him just down the street. Needless to say, I didn't make it to that one, though...



Well, I guess you can tell that I simply had a "swell time." I think everyone else did, too! Great job, Jess & Laura! Thank you to Josh, Clara, Anna, KC, LG, Todd, Jonathan, Jacqueline, and all of the others for making it a great night for me, too!

I also went to a great cook-out at Suzanne's house Saturday night. As usual, great food and company! Thanks, Suz!



I was supposed to go fishing Sunday, but well, things just didn't work out that way. That was OK, though, because I had tons of projects to finish up around the house. I don't get many free days like that!

One of the projects was to harvest the garden, and to cook and can the produce! UMMM!



Wonderful. Here are some shots of just one day's harvest, and then the finished product. I took a jar each - the Zucchini and Yellow Squash Medley and the Yellow Pear Tomato Medley - to the neighbors, the least I could do since I have not had to mow my yard in a month! They even water it when they are watering theirs! Amazing!



One more gardening thing I want to tell you that I learned this week. I read where the last week of June, the first week of July - cut six inch cuttings from the new growth on your tomato plants and stick them in water. In about a week, there are plenty of roots to plant and have a second season of tomatoes... Not yet - but we will see. I'll let you know if it works!

OK, go to the site! Tons more newspaper articles in the Library/Study and funny old photos in the Living Room/Nursery. There are a few more in the Den and others, too. Follies are also easier to navigate. Still getting lots of visitors, which pleases me, but where are all of the recipes you all promised?! Send them on! I am ready! Let's get a swap page going!

**Have a great week
And weekend, 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!