

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Great week! Some high highs and some low lows. Thank Heavens the highs greatly outnumbered the lows! Hope that was the case for you as well.

Ken and I decided to have some fun here at the Beach on Friday and then head up to Maryland to round out the weekend. Friday night, we went to his amusement park at the beach and then we were going to stroll down the Boardwalk and just stop somewhere for dinner. We actually rode the Skyscraper ride. Amazing! It is 165 feet in the air, and you can see absolutely forever! There are only seven of them in the world! The long arms spin you at 65 mph and at a G-force of 4! We both agreed that swirling backwards was kinda fun, but when it switched and started us rotating over and over... forward - man - You could feel the Gs and it was not nearly as much fun as it was frightening. Loved it, though. Would do it again.

Then we wandered down the beach much farther than we had intended, (almost fifteen blocks) and ended up having dinner at The Jewish Mother. Scotty had just caught a 67 pound Tuna, so he spoiled us with fresh, fresh seafood! Yum! (Problem was, we had to walk back fifteen blocks!)



Then Saturday we left early and headed to the Baltimore area. Ken has the single, double, and triple A teams for the Baltimore Orioles, so he wanted to show me the one in Bowie, Maryland - the AA team. What fun! It is a really nice ballpark and they just happened to be having "Jamaican Night." All the employees



were dressed as Rastafarians and they had steel drum bands, sang the Jamaican national anthem before the game, and on and on. Lots of fun to see players that may end up with the Norfolk Tides or with the Orioles, too.

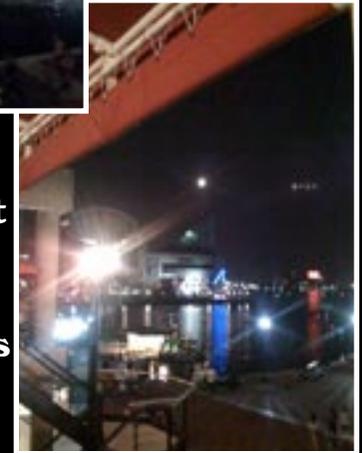


Of course, no trip to Baltimore is complete without a meal in Little Italy! Chiapparelli's was it for lunch - loved it.

After a decadent lunch in Little Italy, hot dogs and stuff in a small sky box at the Baysox ball game, we headed back into Baltimore and sat outside for music and drinks in the inner harbor. We were both amazed at how much busier their inner harbor is than our Waterside in Norfolk. I mean, that place was HOPPIN! The Orioles were well into the tenth inning with the Detroit Tigers, so we watched the end of that game while enjoying the sites at an outdoor grill.



Sunday, of course, was punctuated with an afternoon game at "Bird land" that started at 1:30. It was in the very high 90's with high humidity and no shade/no breeze. OUCH! But it was great fun. I love Camden Yards! Always have. I think it is a beautiful ballpark.



Anyway, the "Sunday Curse" continued and the Birds lost that afternoon. We wandered around for a long time before the game. We both like to get there early and watch the pre game activities and watch the stands fill. Our seats were awesome! Right behind home plate. I think I even saw us on Sports Center later! Ha! It was all just great, summer fun. BTW, I LOVE "The Bird." He is my favorite!





We watched almost the whole game from our seats, (Honestly, too hot to even move...) but then we moved around to the outfield for the last inning. Sure get a different perspective from there. What a beautiful park!



Anyway, it was just lots of fun and Baltimore still remains one of my favorite "big" little cities to visit.

Traffic was easy on the way home until we hit Williamsburg. UGH! We stopped at Peirce's for BBQ and waited for the traffic to get a grip.



Now, I have to tell you a funny - yet sad - story that happened Monday! I got home from work and checked the mailbox as I normally do on the way into the house. My federal refund check was there and so was my stimulus check "letter" saying my stimulus check was "in the mail." I was so genuinely happy that I was literally dancing up the driveway!



THEN, I opened the door and was hit in the face by the heat escaping my house! YUP! My air conditioner had died! Totally! No reviving it! I called the AC man and listened, ironically, as he told me the price of the fix.... You guessed it - it would take my federal and state refund check, as well as my stimulus check (when it gets here) to cover it. I just had to laugh! I actually felt a bit like crying...



It has been in the high 90s here and brutally humid. I made the mistake of trying to ride it out here at the house because of the dog and the birds. It wasn't that bad early on, but later, after it was too late to call a friend or family and say, "Ollie and I are on our way over," it started to swelter. That is with the doors and the windows open all night! I am sure it was close to 100 degrees in the house. All of the fans were going as were the portable fans. They were simply stirring the hot air. Needless to say, Ollie and I did not get more than fifteen minutes sleep all night long. It was truly dangerously hot!

The next day. I called Doggie Day care and the vet



and no one had room for Ollie. I tried Jessica, but she was at work and would not be able to get off and meet me at her house to let Ollie stay there, so what did I do? I took my sweet Ollie to work with me! I closed my door and sent out an email to my department that I was in my office but the door would be closed - to knock if they needed me. Ollie was so good ALL DAY LONG that there were several people who did not even realize (until we had a fire alarm go off and everyone rushed outside) that he was there! I was so proud of my big, white, puppy!



Today, Tuesday, they put in the new unit, and I have to tell you that after all was said and done, I really thought about it and instead of being resentful, I realized that what I needed was sent to me at exactly the right moment and in exactly the right amount. I covered the bill for the new unit with a check - cash! No credit! No interest! Isn't life amazing?





I am very serious about that! Sometimes, when we think the worst... we need to stop and think about what is really happening... Sometimes, we are given exactly what we need at exactly the right moment. Ya know? I truly think the secret is to stop and realize that and to be grateful.



Well, one thing I wanted to do last night and tonight and have not because it is still 85 degrees in here after three hours of trying to cool down - (it got up to over 100 degrees in here!) was to cook my beautiful veggies. But that will come tomorrow night! I even have FIGS! They have started to turn! I am so excited!



I also have two new beautiful baby canaries. I have to pick out three to go to the pet store this weekend - but that will give me at least \$120 worth of credit that I can use for dog food and bird seed - SEE! What you need when you need it! Ha-ha! Remember that! Love to all.





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



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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!