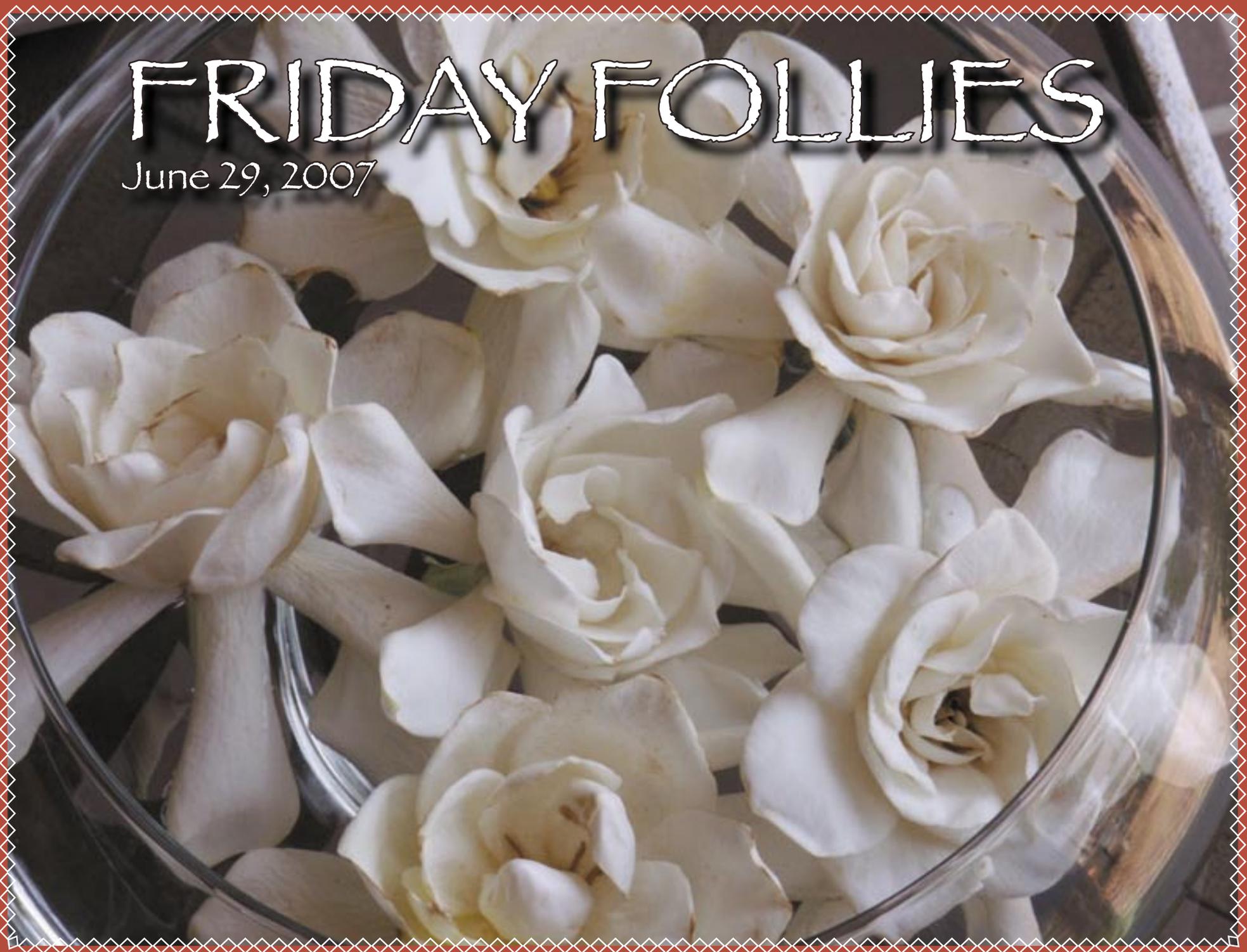


FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Hey!

Man! What a week!

Bridal showers, friends in for dinner, pop-in company, outings with friends in town for the weekend, beaching it, working, painting, checking out the new house for the newlyweds, shopping, engagement rings, party planning, wedding planning, you name it! Whew!

First, it was great to see so many friends and neighbors this past week and weekend. Just a BLAST! Summertime is so easy... I just love the long days! Get so much done... yet still want more time! Got to see many in-town and out-of-town friends, tended the garden, played with the pets, painted a good bit, worked a good bit, and ran my foolish behind off on errands! Just an amazing week...

To the right you can see Jessica and Ricky's new house! They cannot take possession until early July, so this is the outside. We will have to wait for the inside, but the plans for redecorating are awesome. And they shopped very wisely, if I do say so myself! I am so proud of them. They have plans

for painting every room and the outside, plus adding a wrap-around deck, etc. Such a cute place and still only a mile or so from me, so I am tickled with that! (I won't be one of those worrisome mother-in-laws, though.) It will just be nice to have them close. Plus, Ricky's parents live "past" me, so they have to go by my house to get there! (smile)

Jessica's first major party was this weekend. Two of her best friends gave





it, and I am telling you!... The food and decorations out by the pool were unbelievable! There is no way on Earth that I would have known how to do that at their age! We were all blown away!

Above is Jess showing off her engagement ring... so sweet, and then there is Ricky's mom, (green dress) sister (lives in Arizona) and life-time-friend and neighbor (black dress).

K.C. and Laura truly outdid themselves with the food. I am not exaggerating. There was an entire course (almost a full meal) of appetizers, and then the main courses, and then desserts! To die for. Plus, there was a Bloody Mary bar and a Champagne Punch bar. Just very, very nice, with perfect weather to boot!

What really tickled me was that Jess had picked out everyday china, but the other day she was over and she said something about always loving my everyday china. (Isn't it funny how





we attach memories to such things, but those dishes served us every meal for decades (since my babies were babies), and there is a story with every crack and chip in them. They are VERY "retro" with bright primary colors, so they are very much in vogue again. I simply wrapped them up in a big basket with flowers and surprised her with them. She was so excited, and her friends loved them. That pleased me.

They also played that silly bridal shower game that is so much fun where they divide you up into teams and give you toilet paper and six pieces of tape and give you five minutes to design a wedding gown. Ha! My team won! I think it was because it was the only one that did not fall apart while we were modeling, though. I personally think Laura's was the best! The one on the top right, but I am sure they figured they had to give it to the MOB. Poor Anna, her dress fell apart before we could even take a photo of it! All just silly fun!

It was just so much fun seeing all of the girls. They are all so beautiful at this age... Honestly, some of these girls I have known since they were in kindergarten...



Still remaining this summer are a lingerie party, a "Stock the Bar" party, a Tool Time party for Ricky, and a family Luau for all. All should be fun, and I should be dead by the end of the summer... (smile)

It is all just happening so FAST! A new ring, a new house, a new husband, wedding plans, graduation from college, shopping for a dress, thank yous, parties, planning, etc., etc. -- Whew! -- But I do think they are smart to put their money into a new house and not into an elaborate wedding

It is all fast, but like I said to you earlier in the year, after her second date with him, she text messaged me and said, "Mom, you have got to get to know Ricky, because he is going to be your son-in-law!" I saved the text message... just too cute. Ricky said the same thing to his parents.

So - the wedding is August 11 at a beautiful bed and breakfast in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Then they are planning a nice reception for everyone in the fall.





On the home front - my garden produced this week! Yea! My first crook-necked yellow squash, a big bertha bell pepper, chives, onions, rosemary, basil, and oregano. Now what do you think my dinner menu consisted of this evening... Oh My! Out of this world fresh squash medley and a grilled steak! I have hundreds (literally) of tomatoes ripening, and the fig tree is so full, I had to tie bungie cords around the branches to keep them from dragging the ground! Instead of tanning, I think I am going to be doing a lot of canning this summer!



I finished the sheep and the two cows. Framed them, and hung them in my personal gallery, and I went back and started refining the sunny hillside and the snow-covered mountain. Both are shown here, and it is obvious they are just blocked in. The stupid ™ (*&\$#*&! Irish country side was almost finished, and I screwed around with the road - which now looks like doo-doo. I blocked it in, yet again, and now am waiting for it to dry so I can repaint it. Makes me so mad at myself! Anyway, I have had several inquiries, so I think it might be time to open Judiwithani's gallery pretty soon and start selling pieces. My wall is getting pretty full.



As of this writing, I have not been able to get in touch with Jeremy in Lake Tahoe today! He called Sunday night late, but I missed the call. He did not leave a message. I have called and have left numerous text messages. No response. Pray that all is OK. I am sure that it is and that towers are just down or something.



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Pray for our men and women overseas... That they return home to us safe and successful and soon...

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, 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!