

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Fantastic news!!! Those of you on Facebook already know! I just have not had a chance to do the Follies this week!

I am going to be a Grand Mama!!!!

I simply cannot believe how excited I am! Baby is due in February! While in Nag's Head last week, I thought Jessica was a bit grumpy! She just texted me that she was by the pool when I got there... she did not want to eat any seafood (she LOVES sushi and seafood)... and then when I left, she was working in the family room on the computer and did not even walk me to the car! Very unlike her! Ricky was not there yet, and she was just GRUMPY! I just let it go and did not say anything, but I suspected something then. Before the week was out, she came home to tell me the news! She was back to her "old sweet self" and was on top of the world!

I am so excited! I do not know of anyone who would make a better mom than Jessica, and Ricky will be the best dad and husband there is!

Jess has been texting me trying on various names for the baby. Should find out if it is a boy or a girl in September. So happy!

Had a wonderful evening out with my buddies this week, too! We try to get together every few months. It is always amazing how much life changes in two or three months! There is never a dull moment when the three of us get together, and we always leave wanting to know even more. Sweet friendship, that is for sure...



Well, it is almost time for Just Judi's Gallery and Antiques to open! You are coming by, aren't you?!

My house literally looks like I am moving! Boxes every where and every room in the house has been rearranged with things removed. I just had way too much stuff in this little house.

Many of you wrote to ask why I am selling - I am not sure that I am. I am just getting prepared in case I need to next year. Better now with a month off than to find out at the last minute, ya know?!

Some of you fussed at me for not putting out the Follies this week, but honestly, I would come home from work -- which is very stressful right now considering I am trying to close out the year and be on "vacation" for the month of July -- and am also trying to open my shop on Wednesday, July the first!

I cannot even get into my area at the antique mall until 9:00 a.m. on the first! I have inventoried everything, made price tags, have labeled a lot of it (most of it to do this weekend), and then will have to organize it and box it next week while finishing up my work. Thank Heavens I have a friend and maybe two sons to help me move it all to the mall!

I am also amazed at how many of you live here locally and say you have never been to Barrett's! It is awesome! They have auctions and estate sales often and have Open Houses one weekend every month. Almost everyone says, "Oh Yea!" when I tell them where it is because everyone can see it from the interstate, but I really think most of the traffic is dealers and a LOT of tourists. Well, we will just have to fix that! Many of my friends do shop there, though. Several of you, I know, I have met there on lazy Saturday or Sunday afternoons! Fun, isn't it?





Hey! Go Green! Antique!
Why bring more "stuff" into
this world?!? Right?

Plus, so much of it almost
brings a tear to the eye. It is
truly a trip down memory
lane to walk through and
see things you recognize from your
childhood sitting out on counter top or table...
Really cool stuff.

To the right, above, is the
booth that will be vacated
and I will move into on the
first! Guess what!!! I am
not going to make it into
that little space! Scroll back
and look at all of the stuff I
have again! Oh well, I will
fit in what I
can, and then will just replenish as needed!



Well, my garden is off and running -- flowers and veg-
gies. I have hydrangea, daisies, roses, day lilies, gerani-
ums, gardenias, and zinnias right now!
All my summer favorites!

The squash is turning out well (in fact I need to cook
some of it this weekend if I can ever find the time), and
I also am SICK because *something* is eating my figs even
before they ripen and my tomatoes. NOT bird! Honestly,
whatever it is, it is only leaving the core!!!! I cannot tell
you how many have been eaten... and just as they start
to turn! I put out some of my ultra expensive "Invisible
Fence" this week. It smells like a combination of rotten
eggs and DEATH! I kid you not! It smells so bad that if
Ollie is out with me when I spray it, he will roll in the
grass the way dogs do when something dies. Just a DIS-
GUSTING SMELL! This stuff is safe, though, and once
it dries, you cannot smell it anymore, but I swear, I gag
the whole time I mix and spray it! We will see if it does
the trick! If not, I will have to hit the farmer's market.
No traps of pesticides in this yard... too many pets! (And
a grand baby coming :-)



Can you believe we lost out MJ? I was home working last night and turned on the

TV to watch the news, just as they confirmed it. I wept like a baby! I simply adored Michael! Such a tragic soul. Maybe now he can find some peace, God rest his soul!

I never met Michael, but I am good friend with Teddy Riley, formerly of Black Street, who lived here at the beach and produced Michael's *Dangerous* album (and I think one more). Michael would come to town frequently during that time, but of course, no one knew it. I really wanted to meet him in the worst way, but held back from asking out of respect. Just a GIANT talent, he was! His life story makes me cry...





I included these family portraits of Jessica and Ricky's family while at Nag's Head! They take one every year, but these are particularly funny, I think... especially the "Godzilla" one! Hahaha! Big families have so much fun! They settled on the one in the middle, of course.

Ken has had an exciting week, as well. I think I told you that his Triple-A team in Albuquerque, New Mexico is now affiliated with the Dodgers. Well, this whole week the town has been turned upside-down with media about Manny Rameriz playing on Ken's team for the end of his 50-game penalty. In fact, Ken got wigs for all of the vendors to wear to honor Manny being there. They have broken all attendance records and have been on the news and TMZ.com daily! Here is a photo of Manny in the Isotopes uniform and a video address of Ken being interviewed (on YouTube). Pretty funny stuff. I hope you look it up and enjoy.



http://ballhype.com/video/coach_and_manager_of_topes_on_ramirez/

When Ken gets back, there is to be a concert here at Harbor Park, too -- Bob Dylan, John Melancamp, and Willie Nelson, all in one evening. Should be fun, and I will give you more details on that soon.

OK, here is the address for Barrett's one more time, and I truly hope you will come by and say, "Hello!" I do NOT plan on being there the entire month (that is the beauty of it), but I will be there some for a couple of hours here and there. You do NOT have to buy anything, but your moral support would be greatly appreciated!!!! Sign the guest book, if I am not there!



Hey, even with all of these projects, I might not make a DIME, but at least I am at the plate swinging!!!! Right? You gotta give me credit for that! :-)

Love to all!

Help me think of Grandma names! Several have suggested *Grannywithani*, but I just don't know, yet...

Barrett Street Auction Center - VAAF 229

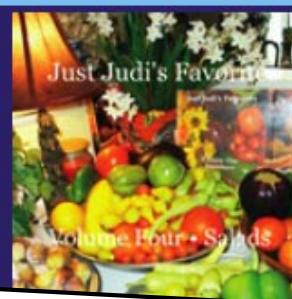
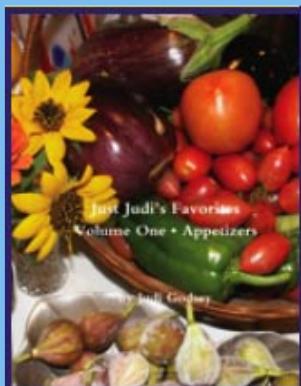
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To all of you on my Friday Follies List,
whether you are in Manila, Singapore, Kuwait,
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Francisco, Minnesota, Indiana, Colorado, Lake Tahoe,
Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina,
Indonesia, 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

P.S. NOTE OF CAUTION... 20 employees were fired from The New York Times here in Norfolk for sending lewd and indecent e-mail. (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!