



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Hope you are doing well! We had historic storms here this week. Major damage and injuries in one/two/or three of the worst tornadoes to ever rip through the area. They are not sure of details yet, but know it was probably an F3 or F4 category tornado. Being this close to the coast, we usually do not have to worry about tornadoes... but as you know... everything is changing!!! Just glad it was not worse than it was... Happened at 3 in the afternoon so kids were in school and folks were at work when it ripped through subdivisions, destroying homes and neighborhoods. Just awful. I cannot imagine coming home to what I saw on TV. God bless us all. As late as 7 last night they were showing three school buses full of children crying wanting their parents. They were safe and parked at a gas station. The kids were fine, but their school was gone. They were trying to get word to the parents as to where to pick up their children. Can you imagine how worried you would be to drive up to the school and it is GONE?! Again - Thank Heavens it was not worse than it was. Pretty bad as far as property goes, though.

My sweet Michelle stopped by this past week. She brought her girls to the Beach for a short "girls" vacation. It was great to see her and to meet her daughters. She looks exactly the same as she did ten years ago! Everyone was so glad to see her. Linda, top left - on the right, is a dear friend, too, and she knew Michelle from college days. Boy! Can they tell some tales! Ha! Pamela, top right on the left, worked closely with Michele - but that was another age ago. Great memories for all of us! Time moves on, though. Unfortunately, the weather only cooperated one day for her. We had storms AGAIN on Sunday. Glad they were smart enough to stay at a place with an indoor pool! I hope it isn't ten years before I see you again, Michelle... Love ya!

Ricky is doing great. Home recuperating and they have had company non-stop. Jess is about to drop. Working full time, taking care of Ricky's needs, and having out of town family stay with them has just about taken its toll. She is so funny, though. She is starting this week that "cleansing diet" which is basically drinking tea for ten days! Ricky has bet her \$100 that she will not make it for ten days. I think he will win. There are too many parties and wedding and things going on for her to drink tea for ten days. Hope she makes it, though!

Jeremy continues to work three jobs and go to school. May the 1st, he is taking over a landscaping company that a friend who is leaving the area asked him to take over... He will certainly have his hands full working day and night and going to school - but hey! Good for him!

Still have not put in my garden. I cannot remember the last time I was this late getting it started, but the weather has been pathetic on the weekends for the past month. It has rained every weekend, Monday, and most every other day for the past month! I have always been told that it is best to wait until Mother's Day to put in your garden, anyway, which I think is ridiculous, but it may just be that this year. I plan to buy BIG plants to try to catch up. Maybe if we have a "nice" day soon, I will stop by after work and pick up the plants, and if there is another "nice" day after work, I will get started planting. If nothing else - this weekend.

I did weed the entire front and side beds, planted numerous plants I had pulled up and split from the front yard and transferred to the side yards, had an incredible cook-out - (have left over meat for the entire week - - love it when that happens



-- sausage, pork, chicken, beef ribs, ham-burgers... you name it), cleaned out closets, drawers, and the garage for a neighborhood garage sale coming up this month, started jogging a bit - as I said, got a hair cut, bought a new table and chairs for the front yard, started a MAJOR diet and lost ten pounds so far this past week, even washed and waxed my car. FELT GREAT to get so much accomplished - all this while having a very soar throat all weekend. There is just no time to be sick, folks! Too much to catch up on!

I even attempted to feel good enough Saturday morning to go to the beach for two hours. The funny thing is, I NEVER burn. Never. Not even the first time out. Well, I was only out for one and a half hours, and it was not hot at all - cool breeze - and I swear - my face was so burned and swollen, I looked like I had an allergic reaction to medication or something. I didn't last long in the sun. Just felt like poo poo. I am better now, but I mean I was BURNED! Does that say something about the climate, too? I don't know, though. Maybe just that I am stupid...!

All of these flowers are from my yard. Things are starting to shape up. Really looks nice. Good thing I have a small yard. I really would kill myself if it were larger. It is just so



cool to stick something in the ground and watch it grow! Especially flowers! The cherry tree I planted outside Bobo's window is doing great! It has already grown a foot!

We have another Salvation Army Family Store opening in Chesapeake this weekend - for any of you out that way. The mayor, local celebrities, mascots, door prizes every hour... it is always fun!

OK, lots more to tell but it will have to wait. Pray for our men and women overseas - that they return home to us soon. Also pray for world hunger to end. Such a crisis right now. Every time I pay for a gallon of gas - with ethanol, I cringe. What are we doing?



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!