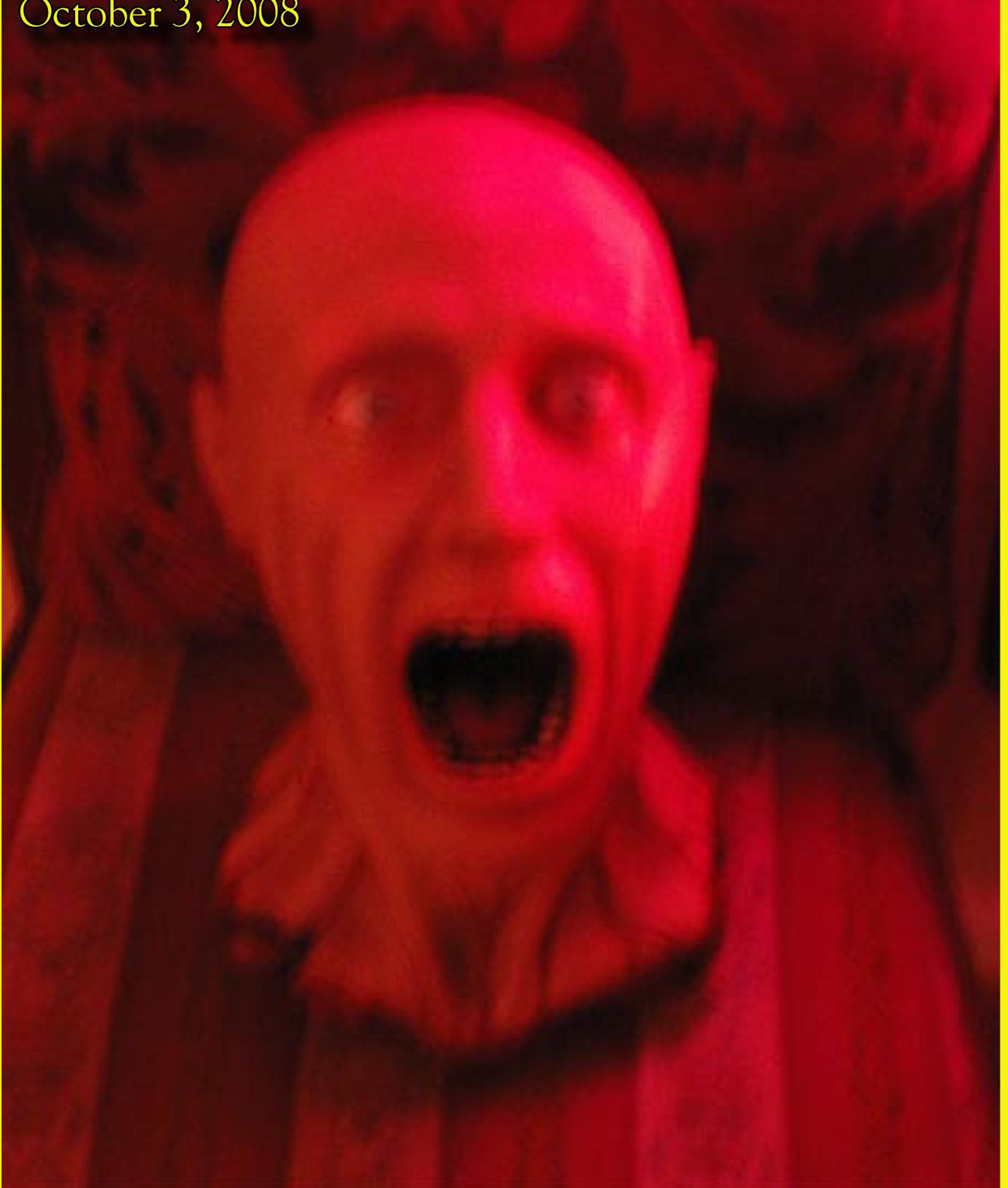


FRIDAY FOLLIES

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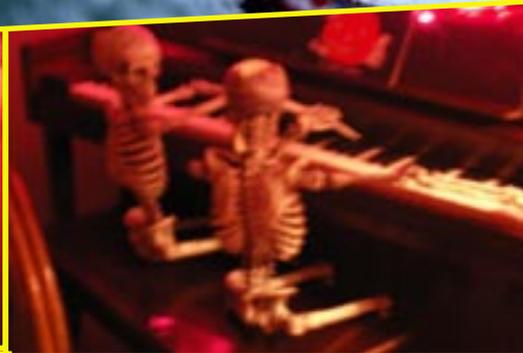
Hey!

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Wow! What a week! I am so glad I went ahead and decorated for Halloween -- one of my favorite holidays! It gave me a chance to giggle and helped me forget a lot of the bad stuff this week. Gotta have something like that going on - especially when times are tough! Hope these Follies find you doing well.

Jeremy and I had a blast last weekend going to the Neptune Festival, but more about that in a minute...

After going to the Festival on Saturday, Sunday I got up early, did chores, and was headed to run a couple of errands and then back to the Neptune Art show with Jessica when she called and said that Ricky had been in a bad body-boarding accident in Nag's Head, NC and was being rushed to the hospital there. (He is a professional body boarder in addition to managing the *Jewish Mother*. And remember, this is the new son-in-law who just gave his





father a kidney in April...) Originally, they thought the worst - that he had ruptured his spleen, but it ended up being lacerations. This is Tuesday afternoon (I am off today for Rosh Hashanah) and Jess just called to say they are still holding him for a couple more days for observation. Jess and Ricky say they are "Fine," but the mother in me is scared to death! I will let you know what transpires. I am certain they are just being cautious, but almost no one stays in the hospital for "observation" anymore for four days! I am tempted to get in the car and drive down there, but I am sure that would be over-reacting!



The odd thing is, when I was in Nag's Head with them this summer, the beautiful house we were in was literally backed up across the street from the hospital there. I remember during a particularly nasty storm looking out the bedroom window and thinking, "Well, at least we are close to the hospital!" Little did I know...

Anyway, I am sure all will be fine. It is just hard to keep in touch because the phone keeps cutting off when we try to talk. I am just thankful they are keeping him there for a few days. That makes me feel like he is getting the rest and care he needs. Say a prayer, please!



It was a stormy but beautiful week here. Ironic, I know, but the rain was interspersed with beautiful sunshine and puffy clouds. A perfect - but a little wet - humid - weekend for the Neptune Festival. That is a time here at the Beach when the "locals" reclaim their territory and have more events at the beach than you can imagine. I love it!



Anyway, Jeremy and I decided Saturday to pack Oliver up in the car and head to the North American Sand Castle Classics - in which I had many friends participating. The sand sculptures were incredible, but what was really incredible was the CROWD!



I have NEVER seen that many people on the boardwalk before! I figure it is because it was "free" entertainment. Something rare right now...

We (and Ollie) had a great time. Ollie is not the best in HUGE crowds like that, so Jeremy and Ollie headed for a walk on the beach while I tackled the boardwalk. Almost not fun at all, it was so crowded. But the sand sculptures were truly amazing. How do people do that??

Jeremy commented to me something I have always noticed. When you take a walk with Ollie anywhere, it is almost ridiculous! You cannot - and I am not exaggerating - walk five paces without someone stopping you and wanting to pet or ask you about the dog! When I lived in California and had Samoyeds, they were pretty common place, but here, it is like no one has ever seen one! People stop you and want to take his photo, pet him, ask about him -- it is that crazy... but kinda cool. He is so good natured and always is smiling at people. Even babies come up to him!

Here are a few of the sculptures that I could get close enough to photograph for you this week... and some of the crowd...





Amazing...

The first photo here is a lady that stopped us to take Ollie's photo -- and then proceeded to set up her tri-pod! As soon as she did, Ollie turned his back on her. Hilarious! He drank lots of water - LOTS of water - and there were many other dogs there, too. Look at this poor dog above! Why would you do that to your dog? HAHAHA!



Good news! I have a friend who is having a Garden Party this month, and she wants me to loan her several cook books to have on hand so folks can order them! Isn't that thoughtful! Her theme for the party is *"The Art of Wine and the Taste of Virginia."* Pretty cool, huh? Everything she is serving is from Virginia. She is very talented and creative, herself! She is also going to purchase some of my products to add to her menu! I tried to get her to take a couple of paintings and advertise them as *"The Art of Virginia After the Taste of Wine."* I thought that was hilarious - I don't think she did! HAHAHA! I was just kidding. She is a huge supporter and what she is doing is very much appreciated!



That is kinda, cool. Huh?

And I hope another friend and I can "reconnect" this weekend. She has more energy than I do! She started painting right before I did and just recently SOLD her first painting! So cool. I mentioned that I am still hauling in stuff daily from my garden and she wrote, *"We, too, are still getting boatloads of stuff out of the garden. I made 10 jars of deli spread last weekend. I made apple butter, blueberry jam, fix jam, lots of salsa, sauce, put up peppers. You name it, I have done it."* Makes me feel like I am not alone!! LOL! What a truly great hobby, though.





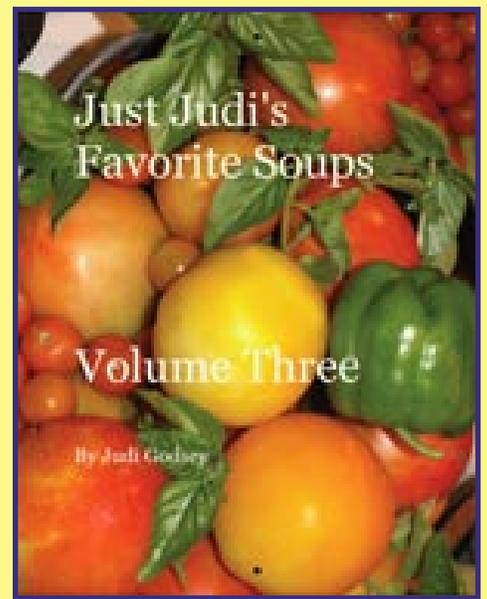
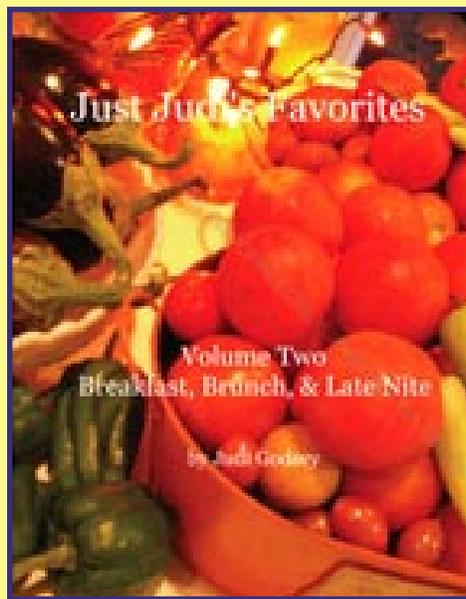
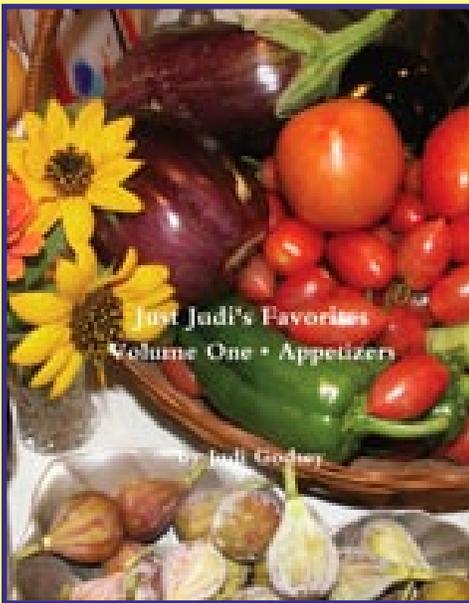
OK. Gotta get going! Lots to do before work tomorrow. At least today was a better day in the market, right? Who the heck knows what is going to happen there. Makes my head spin! That is for sure. You listen to all of the reports and the "spin" is incredible... The debates should be interesting this week, too, Eh?

Please continue to pray for our men and women still overseas - for their safe and successful return soon.

Please also keep these very important elections in your prayers - that no matter what happens or who wins, the leader we choose keeps us all in mind. God Bless this *STILL* amazing country, y'all!

Buy a cook book!
(Smile)





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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!