

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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What a wonderful week! Hope yours was, too! Man, I am not sure I could have packed in one more second of fun - and I actually got a lot accomplished, too, which makes the fun even MORE fun, if you know what I mean.

Started Friday night with cocktails and appetizers at Suzanne's house. Jeffrey was in town, so all wanted to meet and head to the beach for an outdoor concert by Blackfoot. I headed home after, though, instead of to the beach. I was soo tired. Glad I did, though, because I never stopped the rest of the three day weekend. (Yup. We were off Monday for Yom Kippur.)

Like I said, the fall is the best time of the year to live at the beach. Tourists are gone, but the weather is still awesome. It was a perfect weekend weather wise.

Saturday I ended up with two great parties to go to for friends. My next door neighbors had a birthday party for their little girl from 2-4



and then at 4, the adults took over. It was just a nice, easy, backyard cook-out kind of party. I had to leave there fairly early, though, and go to a family dinner at Wendy's. It was a crab pickin'. My favorite... wear grubbies, put down news-

paper for china, and have at it! It really was just family which makes it kinda cool for me because other than Jessica, I have no family up here. Wendy and I claimed "sisterhood" decades ago. Anyway, there was a young girl there who works for them who was in town for the weekend. She had never had steamed crabs before, so she was amazed by the entire process. Her eyes were like saucers the whole time, but she loved them! That was fun.



By the time I got home after midnight, the party next door had simmered down a good bit, so home I went.



Sunday I got up early and did some chores and then met friends for brunch at an oceanfront cafe. I think I told you last week that it was the "Boardwalk Weekend," part of the Neptune Festival which is when all of the natives take back "The Beach." Just a very, very cool time. There are parades, air shows, art shows, formal balls, parties, marathons, sand castle competitions... you name it! It lasts the whole month of September...



These two little ladies are friends, and I think they should have won the sand sculpting competition! Are they not adorable decked out as Mermaids! Love it!

As a matter of fact, the cover this week is of the Winner of the International Sand Castle Building Competition. It set a new record at 34 feet tall. I think the previous record was 32 feet tall. Isn't it spectacular? You could see it all the way down the beach, but it was actually HUGE when you got up next to it. And VERY detailed.

Here are some of my buddies at brunch. We were only going to sit there for a quick bite to eat - NOT! We ended up sitting there and giggling and having the best time for hours before hitting the Boardwalk and the Art Show. Just a perfectly wonderful time!

The food was great and the music was incredible. Lots of street bands and vendors, as well as tons of nice boardwalk cafes.

This one group, in particular, intrigued all of



us. We all ended up buying their CD's. It is very New Age, mystical, mysterious stuff from the Andes. Very, very nice for background music, for the office, for whatever...

Then a little farther down, we met a Native American who used the same instrument, but for a totally different sound. Much more soulful, spiritual, and melancholy. Very interesting...

My favorite was this little pooch. He had finished his little "Doggie Bag" and then decided to take a little "Doggie Nap." Just a really neat day with really neat friends.

Then, about an hour after I got home, I heard the door bell. My friends had bought me a "yard ornament" and had left it in the front yard. Hilarious - and thoughtful. I am so lucky. Several other friends popped in over the weekend, too. Just a nice 3 days...



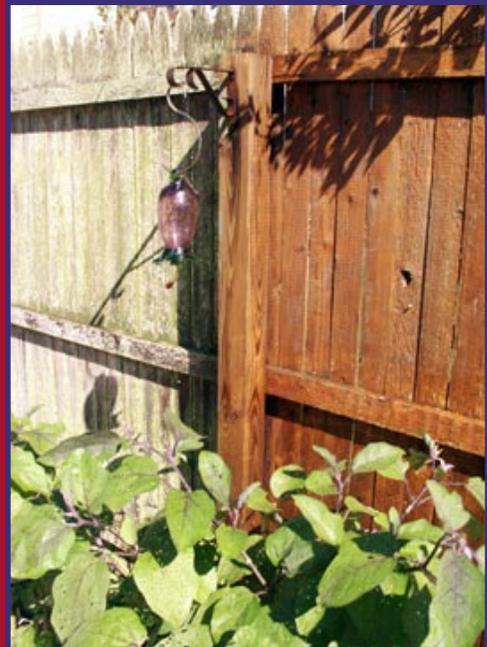
But the really exciting - cool thing I did on my three day week-end! TA-DA!!! Look at this! I broke out my little pressure washer that I bought at Big Lots and thought was a cheapy - and LOOK at this! It is awesome! I cleaned my entire deck, the back of the house and two-thirds of the back fence on Monday! The fence had never been done before, and it was a mess! But now, honestly, it looks as though I erected a brand new fence! And my deck and house look like they have had a fresh coat of paint! PLUS it was fun on a hot, sunny afternoon! Not work at all! I

always thought that was hard for some reason. I can't wait for another sunny day off to finish the back and do the front of the house.

Just one more little thing I want to show you and then I will let you go...

My garden! My garden is STILL producing! I was going to yank the last few plants up - but I am so glad that I didn't. The tomatoes, I just pulled up, but look at all of these peppers and eggplants. Here are 13 eggplants just from this week! (I know, they look awful here - but that is because I forgot to take the photo before I roasted them for a recipe I was making.) But still 13 of them!

OK. Gotta go!
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, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Saudi Arabia, Chattanooga, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Europe, 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 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!

