



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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What a great few weeks! Sorry it has been so busy that I have not had a chance to write much. Won't be much time this week, either, but I will try to catch you up, a bit!

The cover is the photo Jess and Ricky picked out for me to do the wedding announcement for the local paper. I am working on that this week. Hope to submit it next week...

I cannot believe how expensive it is! YIKES!



Then this first photo is of my very dear friend, Dickie, and her husband, Luke, on the day they celebrated their third wedding anniversary! Luke is a sweetheart and never says a serious word - but also is as clever as a fox! He is still developing properties all over the place! Never stops! They did stop by for a quick visit while in town one day this week. It was GREAT to see you and to see you so happy, Dickie! You, too, Luke!

Jeremy and Karla are getting settled, and it is nice to go out, occasionally, and enjoy the sights and sounds. Here they are at Rudee's on the gliders for dinner one night recently when we went out to say "good-bye" to another good friend of mine who was moving away. Man! They are leaving in herds! What is going on? I have had so many dear friends move from the area in the last six months - I am starting to wonder what I am missing!



Suzanne and her grandchildren left last week to make their new home in South Carolina. Roman, Chad and Sheila, Bill, Lydia, and all the rest of you down that way, please make them feel welcomed! They will be missed here at the "Beach." That's for sure! We have been friends for ions!

Suzanne and I met through a mutual friend decades ago, it seems like, and we have seen it all - let me tell you!

We lost touch for about five years, and then one night at a Tides baseball game, we bumped into one another again! We picked right back up where we had left off and never missed a stride. I hope I can say that years from now. Even though we don't always see eye-to-eye on things (Ha!) - I miss her already!

Here is Jeffrey, Suzanne's son and the children's uncle, with Kaileigh two years ago! Look at her now!



When we got to the restaurant, Kaileigh and Travis had made a beautiful trail in the stairs out of flowers! How sweet is that?



The photo below with Liberty (L'il Birdie) on his shoulder is my favorite photo of Travis. Of course, Liberty bit him right after the photo...



Anyway, Suzanne had been saying good bye to friends for days and was worn out and facing the big move the next morning.

God speed, my friend.





Michelle came to town this week, too! She sold her house here at the "Beach:" and is moving everything now to Northern Virginia. I miss you, Michelle, but am very happy for you! Congrats to the Admiral on his birthday!



Amanda (the model turned trainer) continues to whip my behind! She is a GREAT personal trainer! If you live in the area, I highly recommend her! (See my links page for her number...) She has been to the house once and the rest of the time we have been training in the gym where I work. Wendy and Jessica are joining us now, and I have some contacts set up for her, too. I am serious! You can't beat the work-out and she makes it so convenient for you, it is just sinfully easy!

Jess is training to run in a five-mile race in a couple of weeks, so she gets up every morning and runs at five. She has to be in her classroom at 7! (Man, I am so glad I moved to an independent school years ago... 7?!) Anyway, she is in great shape, and Wendy has been working out consistently for twelve years with a trainer, so you can imagine how I fit into this crowd... I have never been in such bad shape in my life! It scares me a little! Proves you have to keep at it or it sneaks up on you!

Oh! I also wanted to tell you that one day this week when I got back to my office I had a text message from Jess on my cell phone. It said, "MOM! I just got my first apple from a student!!!" Isn't that sweet! She is student teaching in the third grade. Can you imagine how much those kids love her?

Also this week, remember the two canaries I gave to the science department where I work? Well, they are now perched high up on a second-story window ledge, and they sing all morning long as the children come in for their science lesson. They are soooooo happy.



I have more to give away!!! The others are still having babies here!



My garden is now producing almost more than it has all summer. It likes this cooler weather. Very strange, indeed. Anyway, I still have flowers, figs, tomatoes, onions, bell peppers, banana peppers, and now - lots of eggplant. I have canned so much this year that I have had to start using my coat closet to store the overage!



Just amazing. I have come up with a couple of good recipes and am considering marketing a couple of them. Will let you know when... and if... and where I do...

I will end this week with some simple shots of my produce.

I very simply LOVE it!





Pray for our troops ~ that they return home safe, and soon, and successful!



*T*o 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

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!