

# FRIDAY FOLLIES

September 29, 2006





ter losing her husband, and somehow in the moves, we lost touch... sold her business, and moved, as well. Anyway, it was so funny to find out that she was also very close friends with Kim. Just a great surprise and reunion. We won't lose each other again!

The party was superb! I have never seen such food and preparations

Hey!

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What a really nice, seemingly long weekend! So many times when your weekend is packed, it seems to fly by, but this one seemed different for some reason. Lots of fun things to do and friends to visit, and many, many projects completed! Just felt great.

Went to a wonderful party at Kim's house this weekend, and when I walked in the door, I immediately bumped into a very dear friend, Vicki, whom I had lost touch with. I don't think I have seen Vicki or have talked with her in over two years! I know it has been over two years, because I left and moved out on my own exactly two years ago this past weekend.

(Amazing...) And in the meantime, she was reordering her life af-

in all of my life. It was a wine tasting and a fund raiser in memory of one of their friends who had passed years ago.

John prepared the food, Vicki was the wine steward, and Kim provided the house and all of the





*preparations. I mean, the food and wine just kept coming out all night long.*

*I teased John about his incredible hidden talent and asked him why he didn't do food for a living! He just looked at me with this weary look and said, "Judi! I have been cooking for two straight days!" Hahaha! I know the feeling. When you give a party, you want everything to be just perfect. Well, trust me, it was. Good job guys. Very memorable... on many levels.*

*Went to a nice "easy early dinner" Sunday at Suzanne's, too. Nice friends I had not seen in awhile and just awesome conversation and food. Thanks!*

*I know, I know, it is my turn... I am getting there. Just finishing up some projects!*

*You're going to laugh at how unromantic this all is, but I am so excited.*

*I bought a carpet shampooer! It does upholstery, too! I have shampooed every carpet, rug, chair, and sofa in my house. I am not exaggerating! Plus, Jess bought some new "old" stuff and I shampooed that furniture, too! This thing is awesome! I do not know how I lived without one for so long or why I paid someone else to do it for me. It is really kinda fun and very gratifying to see*



everything look so new!

Trust me, I am over it, though.

I am packing this baby up for a couple of months. Ha!

I also bought a pressure washer. I know my little house (By the way, I have named her "Opal") needs to be painted, but I figure that if I use this thing very carefully, I can coast until the spring.

The guys also built me stair for my new door n the garage. Those have been installed. I put some new furniture out there and honestly, I LOVE sitting out there on these cool nights. The garage has just turned into this really cool room. I'm sorry - Ollie's House.

I have helped Jessica get a bit more settled and we have looked for stuff for her place, and I have also started decorating for Halloween. I know it is a month away, but I have almost as much Halloween stuff as Christmas stuff. It is such a FUN holiday!

I plan to have a "small" Halloween get-together again this year, (not a house warming this year - thank Heavens!) It is just such an easy, fun time to entertain... so, yes...my turn is coming. The food won't be anything like John did, though, I can assure you of that.

I also caught myself at three different pet stores looking at birds this weekend. You would be proud of me, though. I just couldn't bring myself to buy one. I did fall in LOVE with (believe me - it was mutual) this incredible baby Moluccan Cockatoo. He was less than a year old and I could not tear myself away from him. He just clung to me and purred like a kitten. He would not let me set him down and when I finally did, he cried. The owner said he had never done that before (sure...) He was the most beautiful bird I have ever seen. Honestly.

They live to be 50 plus years, though, and they are HUGE and require lots of love and attention. That would not be a problem right now, but I have a feeling down the road I might not have as much time to devote to him. I want him, though. The only thing that stopped me



from bringing him home that day was his price tag. On SALE, he was \$1,800! I would have been totally OUT OF MY MIND! (I still want him, though.) Beautiful, sweet creature...

Jeremy's movie is up now. It took a while. There was some problem with the security or something, but I think that is fixed now. Jeremy's movie is simply chocked full of memories. I hope he likes it. You can view it at:

<http://www.judiwithani.com/movies.php>

I know several of you said you had tried and it wasn't there. It is now, so check it out.

Well, this weekend promises to be just as full as last. I love the beach in the fall. Just awesome. There is a really fun art show on the Boardwalk this weekend. I have several friends exhibiting and many who will be there. It is just party time at the beach! The natives take it back! I really look forward to it.

Then NEXT weekend, get this - I have been invited to a "camping party." Yup! A camping party in a friend's back yard on the water. How cool is that! Wish I had thought of it, but my backyard is so small the tents would have had to be bunk tents instead of pup tents! LOL!

OK, I will leave you with these two

shots of Ollie. He watched as I unpacked all of the Halloween stuff. He was truly dumbfounded. But this one piece in particular, he could not figure out.



(Mike - you will get a kick out of this since you gave it to me last year...) It is a rubber head with the mouth

open and the eyes bulging and the neck is just a bloody, messy stump. I sat it on a chair while I unpacked the other stuff



and poor Ollie would not walk away from it!

He was frightened,

but

he did not think he should leave me with it alone, so he poked at it, nudged it, sniffed it, and finally just lay down beside it in order to guard me. So sweet. He is HUGE, but still such a baby. Only 7 months old now... but 70 pounds...

Until next week!

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

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!