

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Well, obviously there was a fund raiser this week... Ha! It was the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's (JDRF) Hope Gala. It was a blast, and I saw so many friends - both working the event and attending. But the absolute best of all was the BAND... "Right On!"

I have told you about them before. When my brother was here at Christmas I told you we went to hear a great band play at a restaurant right down the street. The lead singer was part of the Right On ensemble. He said they would be playing in Mississippi for New Year's. Remember?

Anyway, I have been to a lot of charity events over the years and auctions and golf tournament, etc. etc. but let me tell you... when the auction was over (raised a ton of money) and the band kicked in - Oh, My! It was amazing! NO ONE was left in their seat! Everyone was up and dancing. And get this - the lead singer was blind, as was the trombone player, but you never would have known it. Never. Just amazing! Such a good time (Thanks, Bob!) as evidenced by these photos. Ha!

Two good buddies, here - when they see these photos (all dressed in white) they are gonna die. But, hey, I never name names, now, do I? Just great people having a great time...

This was the weekend of Roman Gabriele's big golf tournament in Wilmington, too. Couldn't make it this year, Rome. Hope it was grand and that you made tons of money, too. Send me photos!



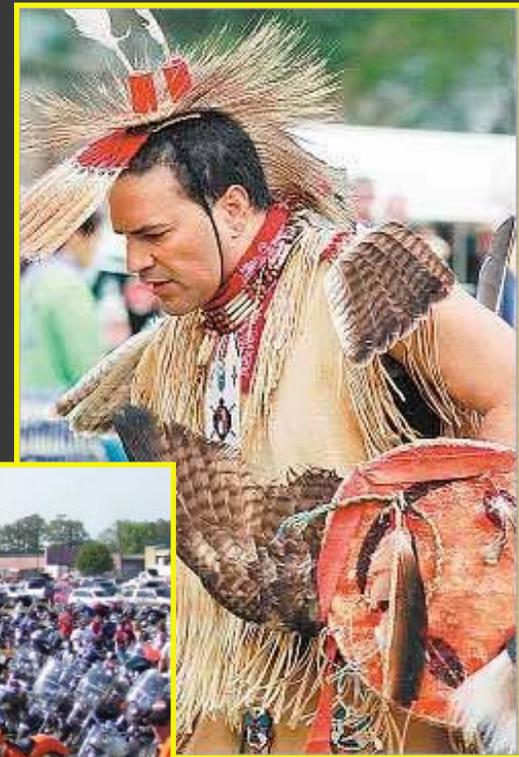
Now, you have heard me say before what a great and diverse place I live in. Virginia Beach is simply amazing... Get this...

Last weekend, less than a half a mile away in a beautiful park here, was the Native American Pow Wow. I mean, it was a BIG deal! AND, it was right down the street! Literally! Here is the chief who began every dance, but unfortunately, it rained and was cold all weekend.

Then this weekend was the Great American Bike Classic. Last year there were over 60,000 bikers here, again - less than a quarter of a mile away. It was the 10th Annual Virginia Beach Bike Classic at Camp Pendelton. There were bike shows, field events, burnout contests, bikini contests, parades of bikes, and more -- like performances by Kansas, The Wreckers, and Phil Vassar. Just amazing. I do not know the number of bikers that were here this year, though. Here is just one small glimpse of one small field.

And in Norfolk, rounding the Chesapeake Bay, and coming right past my house here at Rudee Inlet was Velux 5 Oceans, the ultimate sailing solo challenge. They were rained out with the Nor'easter the weekend before, but finally got underway again. Can you imagine sailing around the world all by yourself? Man - I think it would be very frightening. Majestic boats, though. (Thanks, Dr. A for the heads-up!)

The independent school where I work had its golf tournament yesterday - an absolutely breathtaking day with temps in the high 80's. Here is a photo of Steve and his son, Scott. Scott, a phenomenal golfer, has signed to play golf for The College of William and Mary next year. I think you will be hearing more about him... Hey, Daddy ain't too bad, either!



Then, this week, the replicas of the Jamestown fleet – the Discovery, the Susan Constant, and the Godspeed – sailed through the Hampton Roads harbor and will anchor off Cape Henry, just as their namesakes did 400 years ago. Very, very cool! I wanna meet the Queen while she is here!



American Idol is gearing up. I will let you know if I hear anything, which, of course, I will not. But it is fun to think about, anyway. I have started a new song called "Change for Change." It is a long way from finished, but I like the concept already. Keep your fingers crossed for my AMERICA! If by some strange quirk I were to be one of the 20 to be voted on, the heads-up time is going to be minimal. I will write and ask you to start voting immediately!

OK? Promise? (Oh, I sound so bad. I mean - really, *really* bad... But I just HAD to do it. Besides, they aren't listening for a voice - just the music and lyrics.)

On the home front - Jeremy is doing alright. He wishes they had seen a better winter in Lake Tahoe. He is thinking of partnering with a limo company there now. I will let you know. Jess is doing fine - about to finish up school and start her intership and is still very involved with her Ricky.

The house is coming along. Almost finished painting the interior and slowly coming along on the exterior. RAIN - lots of rain & wind- has slowed the process, but I finished the landscaping in the front yard this week and the painter (whom I have really gotten to like) has just about finished the front. A lot of the house he is actually doing by brush!

There is one new baby that I showed you, YBee, and now there are FIVE new eggs in the nest. FIVE! Doesn't anyone want a few beautiful rare canaries?! *&\$^*#&\$&^!!!??



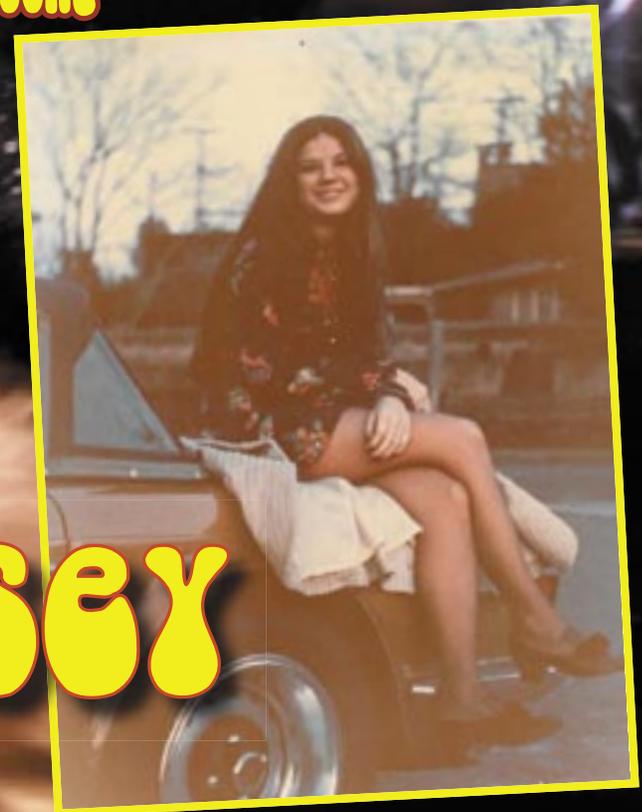
There is more, but it will have to wait. Remember to pray for our men and women overseas - that they return home *soon* and *safe* and *successful*...



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, 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



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 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!