

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Well, there is a ridiculous amount to tell you, and there is actually no way to go through it all, so this installment will be mostly glossed over. :-) Since the move and all that has happened since May, doing the Follies every week has been practically impossible. Sometimes even doing them every two weeks is hard. But I am telling you, when you wait more than two weeks, there is just too much to tell! Ha! Life comes at you fast, ya know? It is not even that I am that busy right now. I mean, when I had a full-time job and was in constant motion, the Follies somehow still managed to go out each week. This is different. I have had so much technical difficulty that it is almost not fun at this point. I even went to download photos just now and the program that used to do that is gone from my computer. I mean, honestly, everything I go to do is gone - I have to reinstall it - and the original files are usually so old that they are simply archaic. I guess it is time for me to start saving my pennies for a new computer.

Hey! Do any of you have an older Mac out there that you would be willing to sell at a good price? I really do think it is time to start looking. I LOVE doing the Friday Follies and keeping a log/blog/whatever you want to call it of all that is going on. I really have to find a way to solve this dilemma.

Anyway, in addition to the technical problems, life continues to be extremely stressful and continually interesting. There seems to be another wrinkle in it and on my face every day. Ha! It is all going to work out, though. I do not think I will go into it in the Follies. If I did, I swear you would say I was making it up... just an amazing time in my life.

On the other hand - it is a WONDERFUL time in my life!





After working my entire life - starting at age 13 - I now get up, make coffee, grab the paper, and often before I finish the paper - find myself grinning from ear to ear! Just downright GIDDY! It did not take me any time to adjust to having time on my hands to do some of the things I want to do. Just wonderful. I am confident that some of this "other" stuff will settle down and I can thoroughly enjoy this gift of time.



I have been dating several really nice guys, have had friends over for dinner, have sorted out every closet and drawer in my house and have totally down-sized. (Still not enough - but it is a start.) I have decorated, kept Baby Kai, and have researched some ways to make the phone more accessible.

I finally found a new phone that amplifies the sound by 50 decibels. It helps, but is still not enough. There is a website, though, a free service called CapTel. I have tried that a few times and it has worked pretty well. Basically, you send the number you are calling from and the number you are



calling and they place the call for you. Then you watch a transcript of the conversation on your computer screen. Very cool. It reminds me of TV news correspondents a bit in that there is a delay... you know when the commentator asks the other person a question and that person stands there listening for a second or two looking like a doofus - well this takes a couple of seconds for the transcript to appear - so it is the same affect. Pretty funny.

Hey, and even my cookbook sales have increased in the last few weeks! A very pleasant, unexpected surprise. I am trying to work on the next volume while also trying to “recoup” the previous five volumes that were lost in the big crash.... ARGH!

My Jeremy is very happy with his job right now and my Jessica started a new career this month, as well. She is now working for Geico! She had to take her state insurance exam this week and did real well. I really enjoyed her studying the past few weeks because after work, she would leave Kai with a sitter or with his dad and she would come over to my house to study. It has been years since I have had “alone” time with Jess. It was really nice. Anyway, I am extremely proud of both of my kids for being happy with their work.

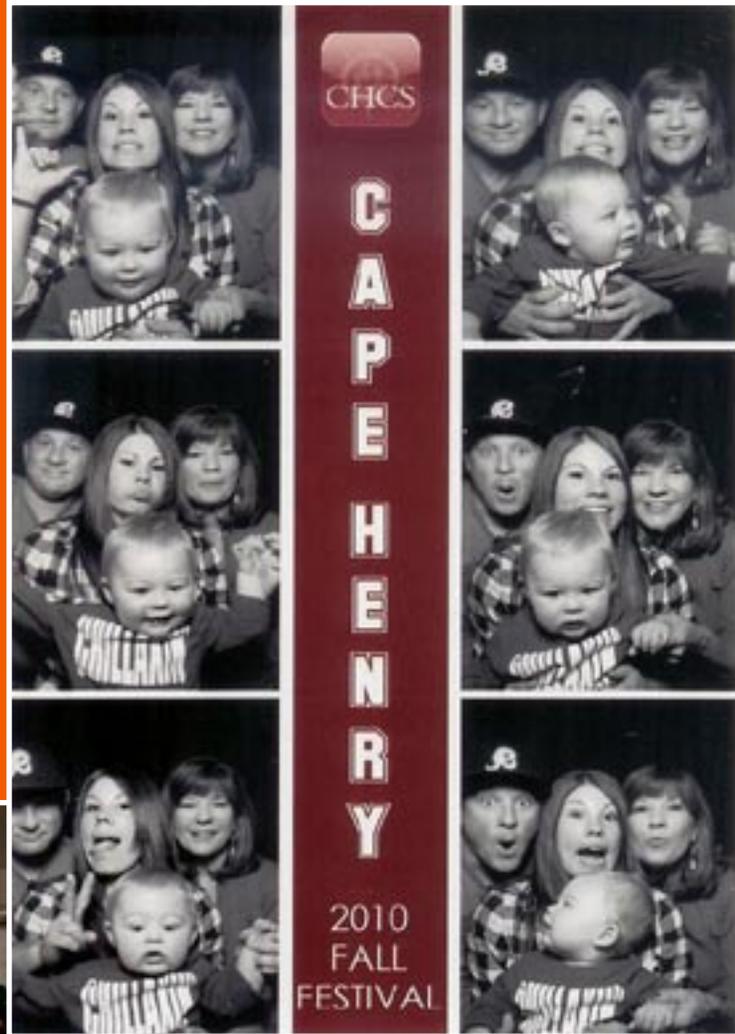
The Jewish Mother closed here at the Beach, but it reopened on Granby Street in Norfolk as the Jewish Mother Backstage. It looks great, is attracting a big crowd, and is very promising for them. Next time you are in Norfolk, you have got to stop in! Awesome!

I also had a nice birthday weekend last, with lots of friends and family. The kids and I actually went to the Fall Festival at the school where I used to work. It was fun and we saw a ton of folks from my old “work environment.”





Here are a few photos from the event and also some from the beach... including one of my little one-legged seagull friend who was at the beach every time I went this summer. He always seems to spot me and come close to sit. Very sweet. Wonder if he will be there next summer?



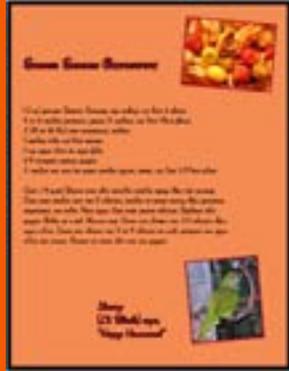
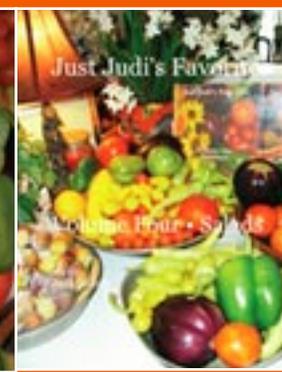
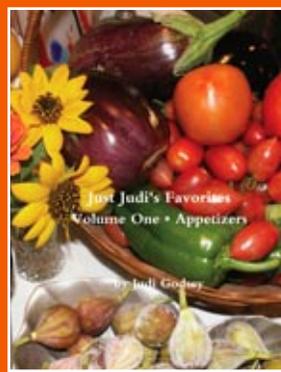


Friends and family at recent events.

Also recent Kai photos!



Here are links to the cookbooks and to many fun seasonal recipes from my website! Enjoy! Happy Halloween!



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, New Hampshire, Tampa, 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,

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