



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Well, It is the end of an era... My "Pearl" has gone to "Truck Heaven." It truly is sad to me. I loved her very much. It almost feels like having a pet put down...

These photos are from the day that I bought her. She had a CB radio, CD Player, a lined truck bed, blue "PLEATHER" upholstery, and best of all, since she used to be used to haul ammunition for the Navy, she had this HUGE red button on the dash. If the driver was hauling ammo and there was a threat, all they had to do was hit that button and it would alert the authorities. Of course, it was disconnected, but my passengers did not know that! I would tell them it was an ejection seat button and that they had better behave! Ha!

Originally, her name was "Penny" because you had to use a stack of pennies to keep the latch closed on one of her windows or it would rattle. But after moving me into my new home and then taking me all the way to Mississippi and back pulling a U-Haul full of wonderful things my sweet mother left me, I changed her name from "Penny" to "Pearl" - because she was a GEM!

Over the years she has hauled mulch, firewood, gravel, moved practically everyone I know and, most recently, helped Jeremy out of a jam when *his* car died.

Anyway, I took her in for an inspection sticker, thinking she was going to need two back tires, but lo and behold, there was so much wrong with her that it would have cost as much to fix her as it cost me to buy



her four years ago! Pretty simple things, but the labor was going to kill me. She still runs OK, but certainly not great. I am just afraid that if I put all that money into her, she would still need more expensive work down the road. (No pun intended...)

So, now she is parked in front of the house while I try to decide whether to sell her, trash her, or what...

Bye, "Pearl!"



I had several requests to plug websites this week. Just can't do them all.

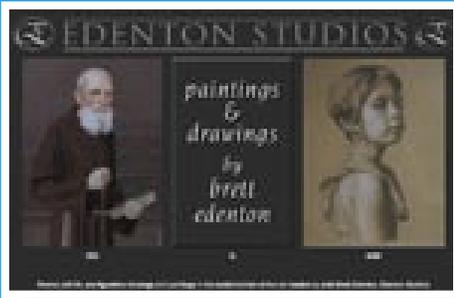
One is a friend's daughter-in-law who just stated a new jewelry business. She makes jewelry out of little sea treasures and semi-precious stones. Her website is under construction, but it looks like it is going to be pretty interesting. <http://www.kckrafted.com>

Cute stuff!



I got the sweetest note this week from a friend in Mississippi about my recipes, that I thought I would include it this week. She said, "Hi, Judi! Happy New Year. I always love to read your Follies and wanted to let you know that I cooked your black-eyed pea casserole, the baked tomatoes, and the corn bread for New Year's Day. My family said it was the best meal I had ever cooked! They especially loved the corn bread. It was all so easy too..." Nice note, huh?





This one, I added to my links page. I've been following Brett's progress for years! You simply MUST go to Brett Edenton's website and see his incredible artwork. Brett just recently relocated to New York City and set up his new studio. Check it out and see for yourself! WOW! I'm so enthralled with your work, Brett! Beautiful!
<http://edentonstudios.com>



Well, on the home front, Jeremy has moved to Yorktown to be closer to his work at Cybernetics. Jessica and Ricky are working hard and are just as happy as two young love-birds can be. Ollie is LOVING this cold weather and likes to stay out in his "room" a lot right now. And finally, BoBo and the birds are laying eggs and chirping and brightening these dark, short, cold days.

Many of you have signed onto Facebook and have found me! Isn't it a HOOT! I am still learning about it, but am loving it. Just haven't had a lot of time to devote to it lately.

Looking forward to Ken coming home Friday for four days. I am actually off Monday, so we plan to go to some Admiral's hockey games (he has only been able to make it to one so far this year) and just chill a bit this weekend. That will be nice. It has been a long, hard week and as I write this, it is only Wednesday!!!!

I am also greatly looking forward to the Inauguration and all of the fan-fair this next week. I have to tell you, I watched the evening news when I got home tonight and I honestly felt like weeping after. I love the evening news. Always have... but I may have to stop watching for a while. It is almost too much to take. (You know I won't stop, though...) It will get better.. Remember the motto, "Everything is FINE in 2009!"

Buy cookbooks! Some of you did during the holidays! Thanks!

Gotta run. Things to do before I can sleep! Have a great 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, 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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Volume Two • Breakfast, Brunch, and Late Nite
Volume Three • Soups
Volume Four • Salads

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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!