

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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*Bancelot,
Creamsicle,
& Chester*

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Well, I had to say good-bye this week to my little Creamsicle. She was very old and had been ill for some time. She actually let me know she was not doing well, and I held her while she died. Very sad, but also very sweet. It was like she took some comfort in the fact that I was holding her close. She has been hanging on and making the best of it now for six months. I have now lost my three favorite canaries, Lancelot, Creamsicle, and Chester... Very sad...but they are being replaced with new birds that I know. When you inherit birds, you really do not know how old they are or any of their back ground, so this should be easier.

And you are not going to believe this! I have been so concerned with Bee Gee (new baby canary) and also taking care of Creamsicle, well, I did not notice that the baby finches started to hatch. I really am not sure how many babies there are because there are so many in the nests I cannot see them all to count them! I will be able to in a few days, but I think there must be about twelve of them. I am NOT exaggerating! I have seven adults, so this would more than DOUBLE the number of finches I have. Needless to say, they are going to the pet store just as soon as they are able. Hmm...maybe I will make enough to buy another canary... nice trade...twelve finches for one canary! Ha! Aren't they sweet, though?

I made the most wonderful dinner Saturday night, if I do say so myself. I had my neighbor and his father over spur-of-the-moment and fixed Veal Piccata (my absolute favorite), a vegetable dish with asparagus that I like, and THEN, I tried the Hearts of Beets Salad I sent you in the Valentine's Cook Book last week! But listen to this, I cut the beets and goats cheese in the shape of hearts and placed them on a bed of baby spinach. Then I sprinkled in some pine nuts and instead of using





Pommery mustard - OH MY GOSH - I used a Cranberry Mustard! I am telling you... the mixture of flavors was absolutely heavenly! The cranberry, beets, pine nuts, goats cheese, and spinach...unbelievable. I thought maybe it was just a fluke, so I made it again on Sunday just for myself...the same results. Delicious! Now I am going to learn how to make my own Cranberry Mustard. I had never had it before and just wanted to try it. UMMMMMMMM! Unforgettable!

I hope you had a grand Valentine's Day. Mine was very, very nice. Many nice cards, phone calls, candy, and even flowers! You can't ask for more than that! You may not realize it, but our "Folly Friends" are very diverse. Not all on the list are adults or professionals. We actually have a good many children who join us each week, as well. I got up Valentine's Day and had the sweetest email from a little 8-year-old friend who wrote to thank me for sending him all of those great Valentines Recipes. SOOOOOO Cute!



This is a very busy week at work. We are getting ready for our Grand Auction - the main fund raiser for the year. It should be great fun, but it is just crunch time. One of my friends painted this painting for the auction. It will start at over \$1,000. I fell in LOVE with it, but I don't have an



extra thousand to throw at it right now, so I took digital photos of it and came home and painted my own Van Gogh version of it. Here is the first rough draft and on the next page is the almost finished version of it. It still cannot hold a candle to Kevin's painting, but I am learning... with

every painting, I am learning. Do not laugh! I actually like it almost better than anything I have done



yet. Man, I wish I could paint like he does. Here is my almost finished version - I still have some softening and details to do, but it is almost there.



I will try to take some photos at the auction. It is always such a fabulous evening.



Another friend of mine has her art work on exhibit where I work this month. She is incredibly talented and does some very unique work. She has kind of made a name for herself by painting black figures with stick-like arms and legs. But just recently, she has gotten into more of an impressionistic mode. She has started using a palette knife, and I think the affects are absolutely stunning! (See, I just need to find my own style... Ha!

What I need is to take a few lessons!)



You may be glad (or not) to know that I have picked up my violin again. I have not started back with lessons, yet, but I hope to in the spring or summer. It brings me so much pleasure. I have taught myself how to play "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" for all of the birds. They just love it...great audience...(smile)



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As you can see, the Follies are little tid-bits of this and that this week...but look at this. I find this absolutely fascinating!

Did you read last week about the scientists who discovered new species near Jakarta, Indonesia? "Scientists exploring an isolated jungle in one of Indonesia's most remote provinces discovered dozens of new species of frogs, butterflies and plants -- as well as mammals hunted to near extinction elsewhere. The team also found wildlife that were remarkably unafraid of humans during its rapid survey of the Foja Mountains, an area in eastern Indonesia's Papua province with more than two million acres of old growth tropical forest." The article goes on and on with fantastic photos of the most unusual creatures...



Now, all of that is interesting enough in and of itself. But do you realize that one of our "Folly Friends" actually lives in that mountain range - literally in a village in Papua? I am not kidding you! Roger and his family live and work with the Irian Jaya tribes. To prove it, here is a photo of Roger and one of the families in the tribe. Living like this in the jungles of Indonesia, the Dorlots actually GET THE FOLLIES each week and sometimes, I even receive jokes from them to USE in the Follies. I am telling you the truth!

The world is truly an amazing place! For more on Roger and his family you can go to their website at:

<http://www.rogerdoriot.com/index.html>





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!