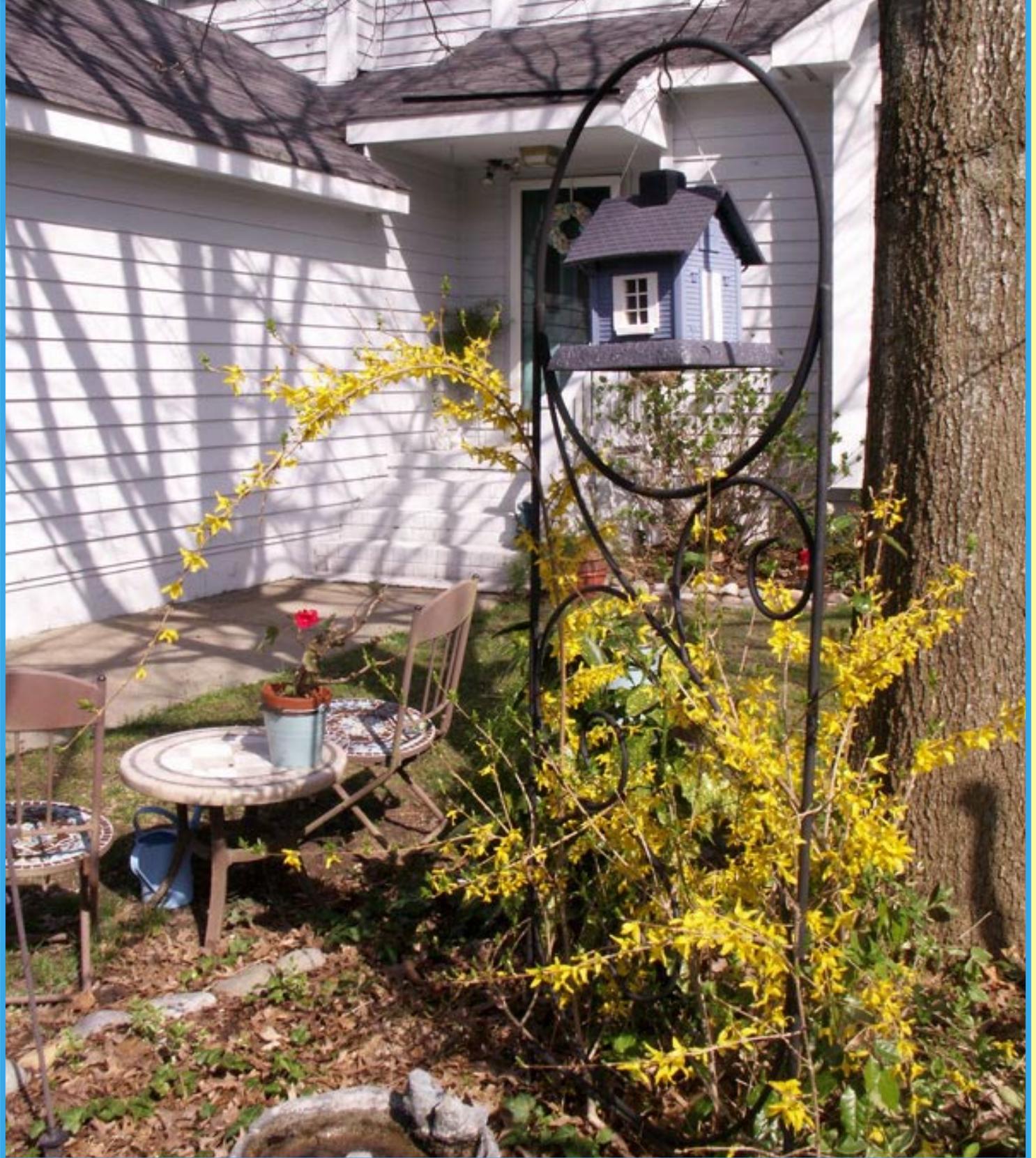


FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Happy Easter, everyone!!!
I LOVE Easter! AND... the weather is finally starting to cooperate! It is supposed to be in the 70s and 80s this weekend and Monday!
Whoo Hoo!



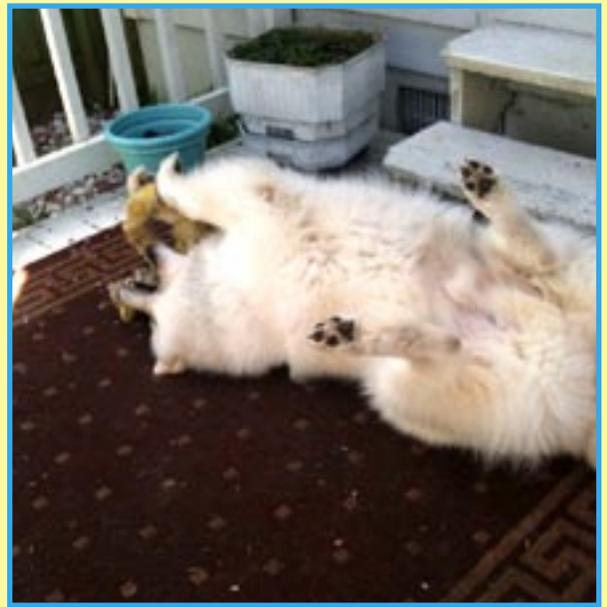
Photo by David Hollingsworth

Those of you on Facebook probably saw these photos this week. Dr. Robert Ballard, the world-famous archeological oceanographer who discovered the Titanic, among others, was a guest speaker this week where I work. Ohhhh! He was sensational! I got to watch him in his lunchtime workshop meeting with our students, again at a reception, during his presentation, and then at an impromptu meet-and-greet after. The local TV and newspaper were there to cover it. He is truly an incredibly impressive man and is extremely down-to-Earth. I really enjoyed meeting him... and I have to admit that I, (along with every other woman in attendance), had a bit of a crush on him. Too bad he is "spoken for." Just a perfectly interesting, amusing, intelligent, successful, gentle giant. Whew!

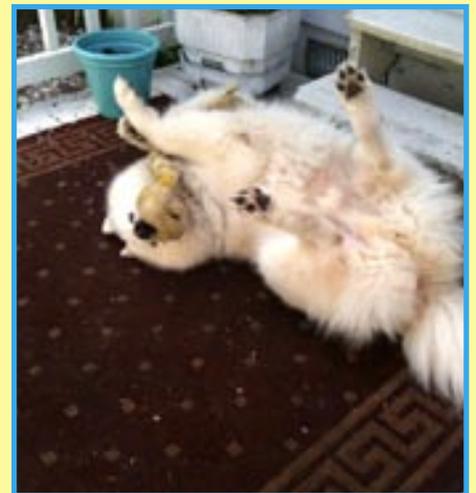


He is going on his next expedition in June, so watch the news for it. I also think he may be revisiting my place of work in the near future. Everyone would love that. His talks were just so intriguing. Students, adults, and even the reporters were hanging on every word.

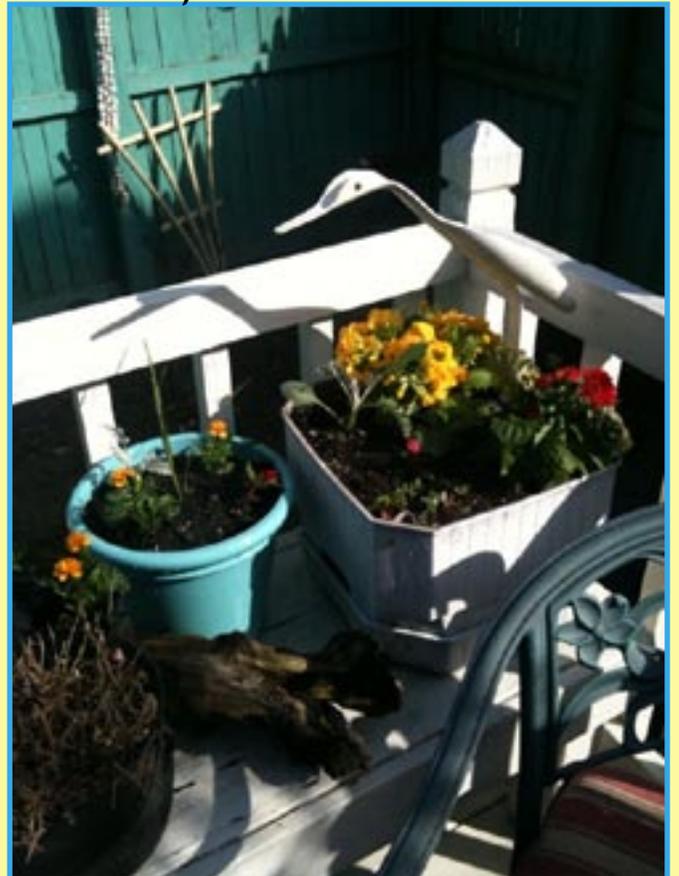
Well, with the nice weather comes the start of whipping this yard into shape. Man, it was awful after this nasty winter! I am in the process of building a slate walkway with knock-out roses as a border, my neighbor friend is building me raised garden beds (first one shown here - second one to come this Friday), and I planted all of my planters. Oh, and here are two photos of Ollie helping me, in his usual fashion. (He loves it when I hang out in his world.)



After the second garden bed is finished, I plan to hit the nursery and pick out some good healthy veggies. I simply cannot wait! My fig tree is already budding! Whoo Hoo!



I also had a rather excruciating experience last week. My left hearing aid broke and they had to send it off to be fixed. Well, I knew I had all of these programs and meetings at work and could not do without a left hearing aid, so they gave me a cheap, behind-the-ear, spare to use. It had a volume control and a special button to punch when you use the phone. (By cheap, I mean less than a thousand.) Anyway, it worked OK, and I loved being able to turn up the volume. But after a couple of days, I thought my ear was going to fall off. After almost twenty years





of using inner-ear canal aids, this was hard to get used to and it just sounded so artificial. I have to say though, I discovered that for meetings, it works better than my real ones. I can crank up the volume and hear better, even though it makes me incredibly nervous. So, once I got my good hearing aid back, we started talking about me buying ONE of those to use as a back-up when one of mine breaks and possibly to use only when I have to sit through meetings. Might work. We will see.



But here is the kicker... This Friday, Good Friday, I am going in to have surgery on my right eye to correct the vision. Why? To help me HEAR!



Seriously! My eye sight in that eye has deteriorated to the point where it is hard to read lips or captions any more. By correcting that one eye, I will be able to hear better. Haahha! I had my left eye corrected for near sight six years ago, and it has been spectacular. I am going ahead and doing this now because I figure I need to try to correct the things I can correct. They certainly cannot correct my hearing, but they can make my vision almost perfect again... and in seconds! Awesome!



The only bad part is that at a time in my life when I would like to be saving my money for a possible face-lift or a nice trip to a spa... I am spending it on hearing aids and surgery for vision! Not funny! (Smile) I am also not complaining. I know it could be soooo much worse. I am actually very lucky!



I am planning on cooking a big Easter brunch Sunday - depending on my recuperation from the surgery. I cannot wait to have everyone over. The baby has grown so much, and I do not think Jeremy has seen the baby in a couple of weeks. He will not believe the change. Jess and Ricky took Kai in for his first set of shots this week and he weighed 14 pounds! Excuse me - he is two months old! Ha! Big, beautiful boy!



And LOOK! The Easter Bunny has already come to see me! We are big buddies!



OK. I gotta get going. Have a spectacular Easter weekend, and I will talk with you all again soon. God bless.

Oh! I almost forgot! I have Easter recipes for you! Click on the picture here or go to my recipe page on the website.



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,



Judi Greenhaw

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!