



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Hey!

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Happy tax day!

Guesssss whaaaattt!!

I have baaaaabies!!! Lottts of them!!!!

What in the heck am I gonna dooooo? I thought I was having Canaaaaaries...

NOPE! I have not one...not two...not three...but FOUR baby Finches! They are without a doubt the cutest little things you have ever seen, and they are so young, they are not even scared of me! They just let me pick them up and hold them and feed them. Momma and Pappa bird go nuts, but the babies don't care.

Can you believe I now have 15 birds! (6 Finches, 7 Canaries, & 2 Parakeets.) I will gladly give anyone of you the Parakeets if you want them. I love them, but they inhibit the Canaries. The Parakeets "chatter" all day, real cute, but the Canaries like quiet in order to sing. Parakeets are great with kids, too! And they can be trained to do tricks! *Please! Someone* take them so my Canaries will *sing*! Plus, they need some love, and I don't always have enough to go around! Ha!





It takes me a good 30 minutes each morning and again at night just to take care of all of these old animals and young birds! I mean, all of my friends LOVE them and come by to check on them each week, but PLEASE! *Somebody take these Parakeets!* At least then I would be down to thirteen...I think it might be time to visit the pet store...

Also, if you remember the “Canary spooning story,” Guy turned out to be *Guenevere* after all, and so I had two hens in the same cage! Hilarious! The cute little “spooning” picture I sent you a couple of weeks ago - not cock and hen - HEN and HEN! I have solved that problem! Took the infertile eggs out of the nest that they had been brooding over for two weeks and put *Sir Lancelot* in the cage! Oh, Boy! They better watch out now! He’s a stud-muffin! The dynamics in the cage have changed *dramatically!* *I want baby Canaries!*

Gandy has had a hard week and so has Maggie, my 16 year-old cat. I just KNOW I am going to lose these two great pets about the same time. They will have to put me away, too, when that happens. “Gandalf the White” is Jeremy’s dog that I got him for Christmas in 1992 - - (remember Johnny?) And Maggie is the cat I got for Jessica for her FIFTH birthday! Jessica is now 22! It is amazing how much animals enrich a family. Simply amazing.

OK enough pet stuff. I’m really not crazy! It is just pretty intense right now with all of this “courtin’ stuff” going on!

My friends have been awesome! I have had non-stop company for a week. Fine



with me! Might as well enjoy this great house, right?

Even Saturday started off with friends calling and stopping by at 8:00 a.m. I took Saturday afternoon and night off and spent it with Jessica, though. That was great. I would not have taken *anything* for that. We had a blast in Norfolk! Sunday, I had another one of those “Impromptu Dinner Parties,” only this time, I figured out how to get all of my guests out of the *kitchen!* I had a *cookout!* AH HA! I started a huge fire in the outdoor fireplace on the back patio with my new Chinese lanterns twinkling all around. It was awesome! Then I cooked (on my charcoal grill, I might add - -) steaks, brats, and chicken, with lettuce wraps and veggies. It all turned out perfectly! I could not believe it! All this time, I have thought cooking on the grill

was hard to gauge! It always was for me before! Perfect! It was really a BLAST! What a great night for a cookout and fire, too, because there was just a little “nip” in the air.

OK, I promised my friend, Josef, I would put a photo in of his new Mustang! Josef and I have been friends for - what, Josef - twenty years? Look at this beautiful thing! It reminds me of my 1967 pale, green Mustang. I love the fact that they have designed these new cars to look like the old ones. It is just beautiful!

I really missed writing the Follies last week because I have had so many other personal and professional deadlines. I was writing all week -- all day and all night -- but just *not* the Friday Follies. I am glad so many of you missed me! That means a great deal when you write and say that! Honestly!

I also finally took that Dreamweaver course in Norfolk this week. Man! What a complicated program! But I think I am starting to understand it a little. I



will attempt to start building my website in the next week or so.

I also wanted to tell you about this...I have a friend who has the neatest “get-together” every Wednesday night. Ironically, it is called the “Wednesday Night Group!” There is absolutely no rhyme or reason to how or why they all got together...all different ages and interests and backgrounds and marital statuses, but what a HOOT! They go somewhere and do something different every, single Wednesday night! Just awesome. One week bowling, another to an Irish pub, the next to a baseball game, tonight, I think they were all going to an Italian Restaurant, but I couldn’t make it - Still have deadlines. Anyway, I just wanted to pat them all on the back. I just think it is the neatest thing in the whole world. Heck, they also just got back from a trip to Bermuda and one to Ireland. I guess there are about twenty or thirty in the group. Isn’t that cool? No other reason to gather except to enjoy life and each other!

I have also started house hunting a little since my lease is up in October. I have PLENTY of time, but if I find a really neat place, I will have to grab it quickly around here. Most of the things that have come up at the ocean front and are in my price range are duplexes, and I really want a home of my own with a yard! I have seen two or three extremely nice houses in my price range in other subdivision, so I know if I get to October and still have not found anything down here at the ocean front, I will be able to find a really nice house... So there is no panic. It is really kinda fun! This will be the *first home* I have ever owned on my own. Cool, huh? And Yes, I have *tons* of professional help, believe me - male and female! Ha! (*You could jump in there, too, though, Mike!*)

Isn’t life just a HOOT! Let’s go enjoy it!



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, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Iraq, Costa Rica, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Chattanooga, New York, Oregon, 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!