



MAY 1, 2009

FRIDAY FOLLIES

Hey!

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Ninety degrees for three days in a row this past weekend! Wow! And in April, no less! What a GIFT after all of the rain we have had!

I spent Saturday running errands and then went by the garden center and bought ALL of my plants, flowers, and herbs for the garden. Once home, Ollie decided he wanted to help me, so off to work we went. It was HOT! The garden turned out great, though, and I am sure it will produce well. I still need to get some mulch to put at the base of all of the plants, but that can come this weekend.



AGAIN supposed to be beautiful this weekend! I have had to work every night this week or I would have been out there even more!

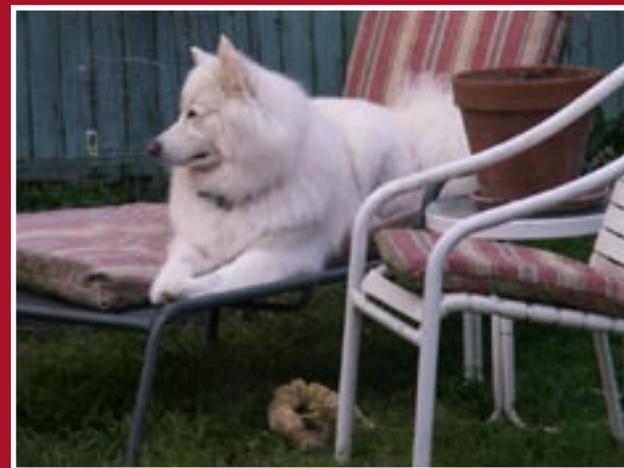
I planted Cherry Tomatoes, Big Beef Tomatoes, Beef Steak Tomatoes, Orange Boys, lots of Lemon Yellow Tomatoes, Bell Peppers, Pimentos, Bell Grande' Peppers, Crook Neck Squash, Big Bertha Eggplant, Acorn Squash, and lots and lots of Sweet Banana Peppers (for my famous Banana Pepper Mustard!) Also in the herb garden I planted Basil, Rosemary, Oregano, Thyme, Lemon Garlic Chives, and Parsley. (I know all of those should not be in caps, but it makes me *feel better* to cap them! :-)

I also sewed grass seed in my front yard under the shade tree, covered it with top soil, and watered the heck out of it. Just did tons of yard work all weekend - mowed, edged, planted, sewed seed, watered, fertilized, weeded, pruned- you name it. It just felt awesome to be outside!

Ollie started out right in step with me, but as the afternoon wore on, he faded fast. He just could not keep up with "Mama!" Ha!

I also had a cook-out with grilled veggies, burgers, and BBQ chicken and had some friends over one night. That was fun and one to write home about!

Friday night, I went to the nicest party! It was great to see old friends that I have not been with in a long time. Thanks, Karen (and Mike).



Then Sunday, after all of my running around was done and it was still an incredible day, I packed my beach bag and headed to the neighborhood beach! Oh MY!

I knew after being in the sun all day the day before that I could not take much sun, so I packed - planning to stay only an hour. NOT SO! I ended up staying for three! I was toast! But then, I seldom really burn. I cannot describe to you how awesome the first day at the beach is... When you live at the beach, it is so easy to take it for granted, ya know? But that first day when it





finally dawns on you that spring is actually here - winter is really gone - and this playground is literally right down the street, well, it is exhilarating to say the least! Makes me thankful every, single year.

It is always fun to watch the surfers, too. They just seem to be in total rhythm with it all. Very cool. PLUS, it is fun to look at them!



As you look at the photos on the next page, just think about the joy and the memories these families are making.

As the afternoon wore on, a sand bar appeared and allowed folks to literally wade out and stand in the water... walk their dogs... body board... just stand and talk in the chilly water. It was awesome! You

know, one thing about the beach that is so interesting to me is that it is NEVER the same two days in a row, even if you go to the same spot - which I seldom do.





Fantastic golf tournament this past Monday, too. Again, it was in the 90s and perfect. Saw tons of friends and raised tons of money, to boot! You can't beat that with a stick!

In other news, I have lost my goal of 25 pounds! Yea! Feels terrific. I have decided, though, that it does not make me look any younger like I said last week... it just makes me look thinner. LOL! *I need to work out!* That is my next goal!



I did notice though (and I am VERY serious about this), that people take me more seriously now. Even strangers at the beach - they actually stop to talk with me now. Several people - male and female - stopped by my chair to chat... Before, folks just passed me by - no lie! What a difference 25 pounds makes! And it was so easy! Why did I wait so long? (Pun intended...)



Work is a killer for the next few weeks. The year is winding down and there are a multitude of events at night and on weekends. Even our graduation is the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. How AWFUL is that for EVERYONE!!!!



Maybe this will be the last year for that. I mean graduation is fun and all, but give me a break!!! What about all of the families!! Not happy about that one at all - plus, it is a command performance, so forget going out of town! Bummer!

OK. Gotta run. Still have stuff here to do tonight. Thinking about the next few weeks literally makes me dizzy! Think about me!



Some fun things mixed in - well - actually they are *all* fun things - I don't mean to complain - but there are lots of deadlines scattered over the next few weeks, as well. When am I going to get my FUN stuff done? LOL!



Have a great week and weekend, all. Love to you!



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.
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P.S. 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!