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What a wonderful, but strange, weekend I had last weekend! I had to simply laugh at myself!

I had plans Friday evening and again on Saturday morning, but I decided that I would “Play Possum” the rest of the weekend! I figured I had thrown enough parties and had given enough cook-outs and had invited enough company over. I wasn’t going to plan anything! I have had many sweet and wonderful invitations over the past many months, but I thought I just needed to catch up on “life” in general. I thought someone might call me, though...

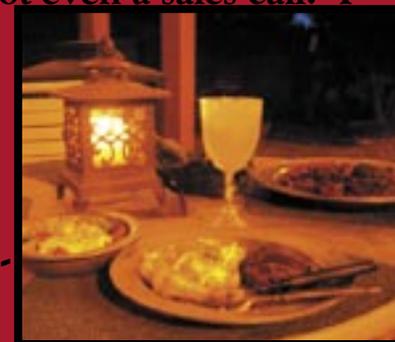
I waited, and I waited, and I waited...all weekend.

Don’t get me wrong --I had plenty of errands and chores to fill up my weekend, and I needed the time to get a grip on all that is going on around here, but it was just strange! Earlier in the week I had *five people* call me and want to know what I was doing for the weekend, and they all said they would call later -- they never did! I could not figure it out!

I have to admit that my feelings were kinda hurt when I did not hear from anyone!! Let me correct that -- NO ONE! Not even FAMILY! It was OK, though, because I just stayed home and painted, practiced the violin, worked in the garden, and visited with all of my wonderful pets and many new babies!

My phones did not ring once! I kid you not! Not even a sales call! I really was kinda shocked (and hurt.) I didn’t even have any emails! (Lol!)

Bottom line, over the course of the weekend, I planted new Roma and yellow tomato plants; I painted several new paintings that I love but that are not finished yet; I practiced the violin and even downloaded many new pieces of sheet music (all legal)





from the internet; I walked on the beach with Gandalf the White; I met new neighbors I had not met before; I had a private cook-out with lots of cool stuff from the garden; I worked a bit more on my book - up to Chapter 13 now; and I even had a "Movie Day" on Sunday (I love those...movies all day long...)

Nothing! Total silence! Eerie silence! I was dumbfounded! Honestly!

The previous weekend, there were so many invitation I could never have honored them all in *five weekends!* I just could not figure it out.

Then Monday morning I got ready to go to work and I discovered that my cell phone was broken! It had been broken all weekend! The time and date that it stopped working was still on the display -- 5:24 p.m. Friday, May 13. Too funny! Then I went to the house phone to check my messages at home and work and my house phone was dead -- *as a door nail!* Later that day, I discovered that a wire to the outside of the house had been snapped by a branch in a recent storm! I called and they came and fixed it *that day!* (I love Cox Communications, Frank! You guys are the best!)

Anyway, bottom line is, when I checked all of my messages once at work, I had five invitations over the weekend that I never even knew about! HA! Made me feel better...even though it was Monday morning! I had a lot of return calling and explaining to do! I even had two people come to my door and ring the doorbell over the course of the weekend, and I was so busy, I did not even hear them...Sorry, Larry! Sorry, Donna!

But, man, did I get a lot done! Just goes to show you that we all should have "Possum" weekends every once in a while!



**T**here was also a huge storm this past weekend, as there was across most of the country! My pets were scared to death! Maggie, my seventeen-year-old cat, never left my side all afternoon or evening Sunday. She even sat in my lap while I painted.

Gandalf, my fourteen-year-old dog, used to be so afraid of storms, but now he is so deaf that unless it is one of those thunderous claps that shakes the whole house, I do not think he even hears it. Ha! Bless his old heart!

Here are my babies curled up close to me during the storm. If I left this room, they followed and curled up in whatever room I was in. Just hilarious - and sweet!



**W**ell, the five Finch eggs have hatched. They are so small you can hardly see them. I will send photos when they get a bit bigger. The pet store (honest to God) has asked me if I want to be a breeder/supplier...Maybe I should!

**AND** we ALL lost the egg pool! It turned out that I had to re-pair (get it?) the two sets of Canaries... **AGAIN!** Now Chester and Gueneviere have three eggs they are watching, and Cream Cycle and Helena have three eggs of their own they are brooding over. I am sure that Gueneviere's are fertilized, but really do not want to touch any of them to find out since "someone" smashed all of their eggs the last time I did that. (The books were wrong on that one...) I will just wait another week and see what happens. It takes them about two weeks to hatch from the day they lay the last egg. That was Mother's Day, so I should know something shortly.

The baby finches are my favorite! (The six-week-olds, that is.) They are so playful and bright eyed! They are not the least bit afraid of me and they have made up all of these games they play together. It is just fascinating to watch, sincerely.

Lucy and Ethel have truly grown on me, too. They just climb and chatter and hang upside down all day...just nuts....those two! Crack me up! So entertaining! I am so glad I did not give them away...

**O**K, enough of an update on the pets. When I said earlier that I planted tomatoes in the garden,

that did not mean I simply stuck new plants in dirt... It meant I had to dig up the lawn, by hand -- shoveled, hoed, raked, and tilled the earth to make a home for my plants -- (My back is absolutely killing me this week!) Hey! Look how great my squash and eggplant are doing already!





**H**ere are some of the paintings I worked on, even though none of them are finished...most just barely started. One of these days, I am going to take art classes. HA!

That is really funny considering on my way up the stairs tonight to do these Follies I was thinking how there just *aren't enough hours in the day*. I know I try to do too much, but DANG! We only have so much time, ya know!

Tonight for example, after work, I went and got a hair cut, stopped by the grocery store, walked the dog, took care of the birds, watered the garden, paid my bills for the month (then cried...), fixed and ate dinner, practiced the violin and packed it up for my lesson tomorrow, listened to some new CD's a friend sent me, did some research for work, revised some of my book, learned how to operate my new digital camera for work, talked with one friend about how to publish her new

book, talked with another who has been ill, and then sat down to do these Follies! Whew!

**W**hen in the heck do I think I would have time for art classes? And this is just a *normal, routine day*! I'll find the time, though.

It is just too important to me not to.

**T**he background on these pages is my table setting in the kitchen...by the way...real pretty...sorry I had to cover it up with text! Ha!)

**L**ots going on here at the "Beach" this weekend. I'll be sure to take copious notes for next week. There's lots more to tell, too, but I am just too pooped! (smile)

**L**ove to all till next week...Hope I make it until then!

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!

