



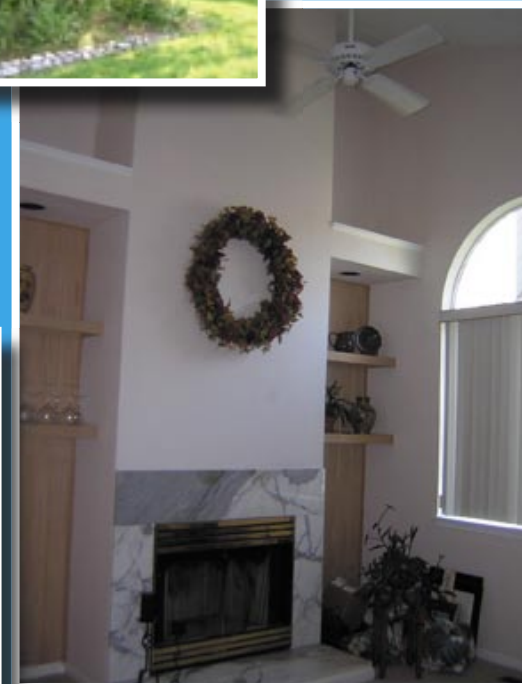
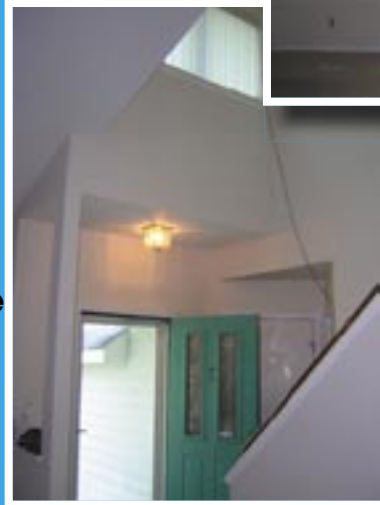
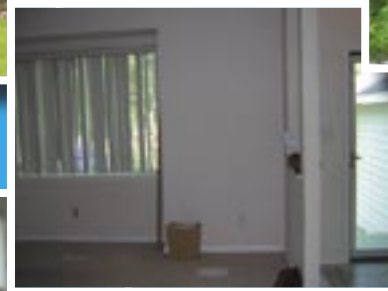
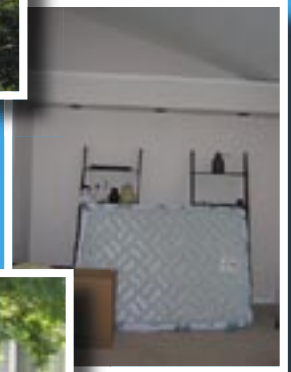
FRIDAY FOLLIES

July 15, 2005

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Well, I am, as they say, getting my feet wet...

I waited to send these out this week because I wanted to see if I would get this house. I put a bid in on it Sunday, but the owner has been out of town. It has been a long week waiting for a response. But I got it. It is adorable! It has a huge living and dining room with a fireplace and cathedral ceilings, a breakfast area, eat-in kitchen, three bedrooms, three baths, 2,300 square feet plus a garage that is all but finished out, a nice deck that I plan to enclose as a patio, a HUGE master bedroom with a jacuzzi, walk-in closet, and a second fireplace! It has a balcony and lots of little "extras" that will make decorating it a breeze. It is not a condo or a townhouse! YEA! I actually have a yard so I can plant flowers and a garden. The neighborhood is adorable, safe, and will make it extremely easy to rent the place out in a couple of years if I decide to keep it as a rental. Oh, and there is



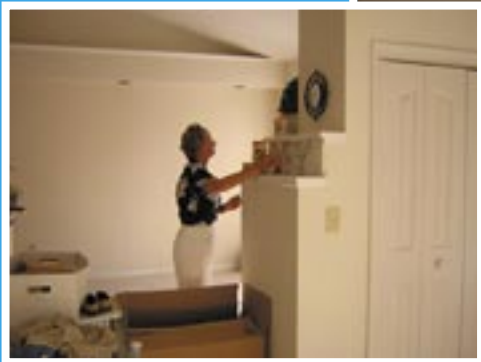
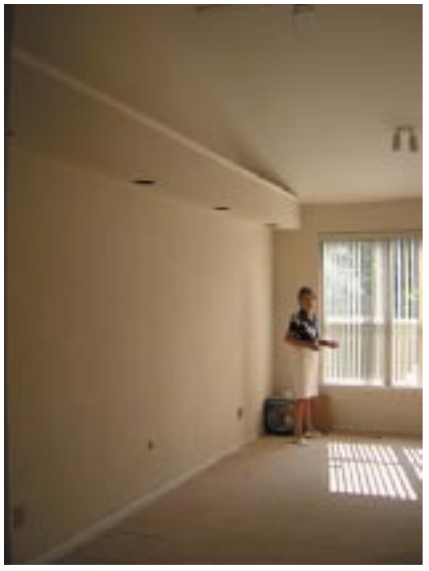
a pool. Not in the yard, but a neighborhood pool right down the street that I will have privileges to. It is not on the beach, but the beach is within biking distance. I have timed it to work, and it does not take any longer to get there from the new house than it does from this house at the beach. I am really pleased. I talked with several banks and do believe I got the very best deal and that they are looking out for me. My Realtor is a Rotary sister of mine, and she has been fantastic - holding my hand every step.

If all goes as planned - I should close on it in a month and be in it by September 1. Whew! Keep your fingers crossed.

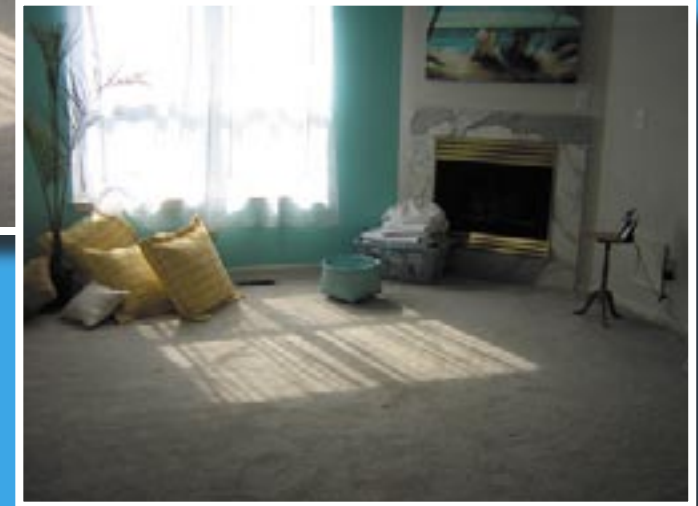
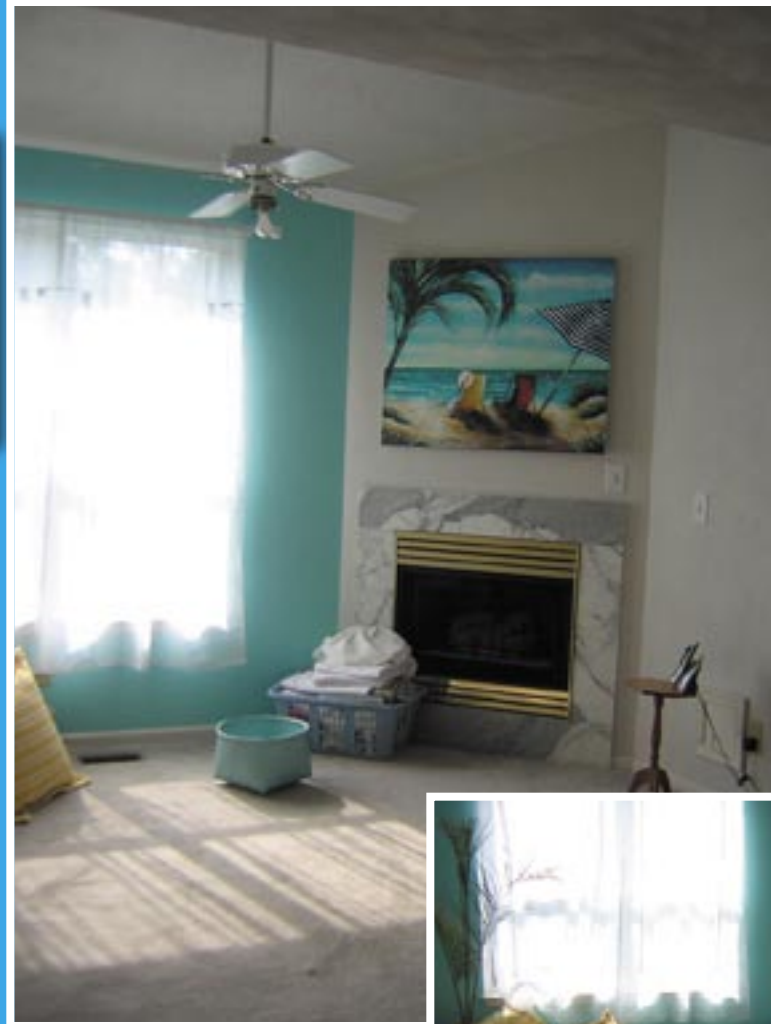
These pictures are not the best because the people were in the middle of moving out when I took

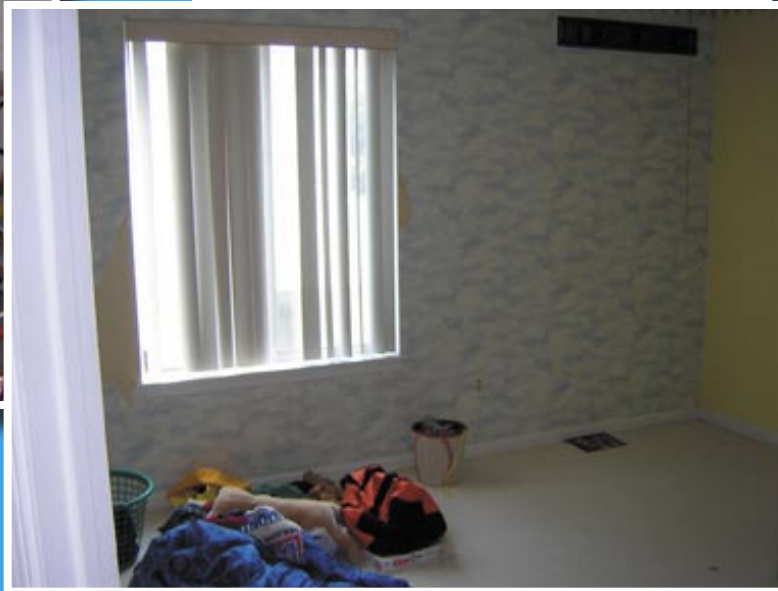
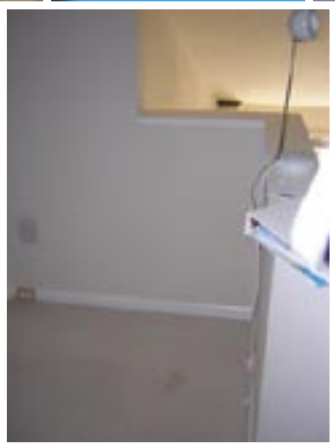
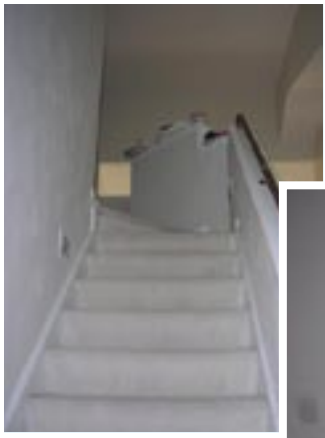
them. None of the "stuff" is mine - including the dog. But I think you can see from the high ceilings and sunlight, that it is going to be a great house.

Wait until I get a hold of it! It is going to be so much fun to decorate! I already know I want to paint the book shelves by the fire place, to put up mantels on both fireplaces, redo the



window treatments or add to them, replace the carpet on the stairs - maybe hardwood there, paint all three bedrooms, re-wallpaper one of the baths, finish out the garage and put in a door to the back yard, perhaps screen in or glass in the patio, and landscape the rest of the back yard. That ought to keep me busy for a while, eh?





OK, almost finished - in case I am boring you... Here you can see the balcony area which is actually bigger than this looks. The garage, which is huge, and the two upstairs bedrooms, which are decorated for little kids. One I will turn into my office and one will be the guest room/upstairs den. Should be easy enough to do. I'll show it to you again after I have moved in and started some of the work.

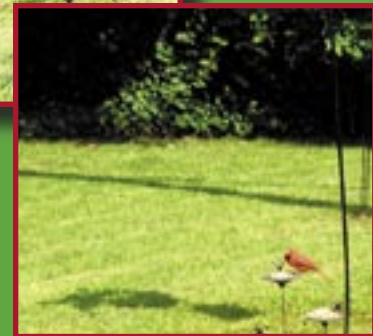
Hey! Here is the first harvest from my little garden! Not bad, eh? Everything is so healthy! I have had to re-stake the plants three times. They just keep getting bigger and bigger. And the Elephant ears did exactly what I wanted them to! They grew fast and covered up the fence.

I got some photos of my sweet Andy and Laura's wedding this week. Don't they look great! I wish them all of the luck and love in the world.

The last two photos are of my little Cardinal friend. Remember him from the fall? He came back this spring and brought his whole family with him. He is so trusting that he will almost let me walk right up to him.

OK, I need to go. It is getting late and there is still tons to do. I'll let you know what happens with the house.

Have a great weekend!



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!