



FRIDAY FOLLIES

July 31, 2009

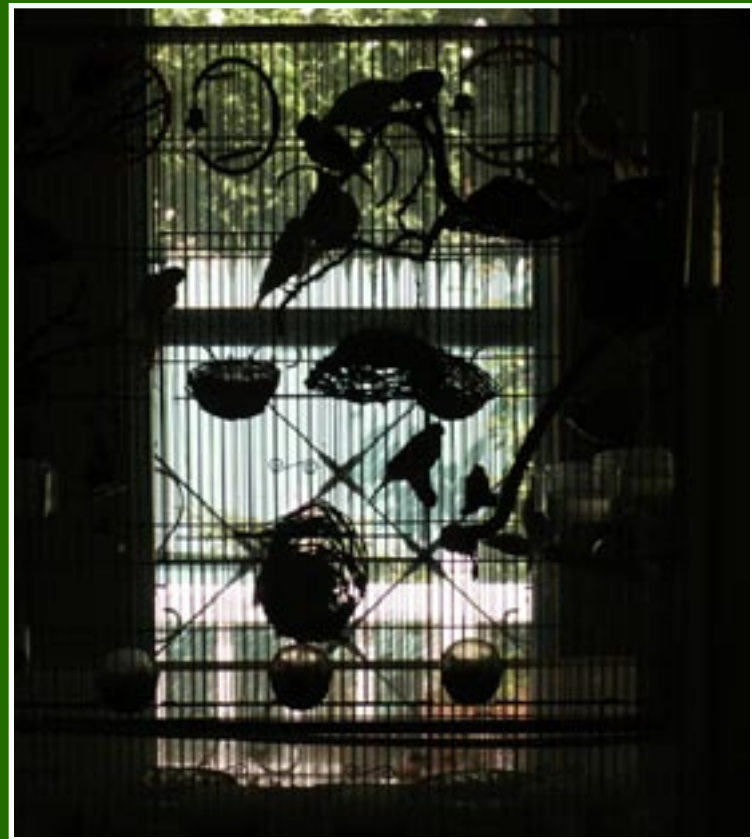
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I love the cover this week! These are my beautiful canaries. There are fourteen right now and for the first time in months they are not mating, so they are all back in the same cage and getting along beautifully. A local pet shop is ready to buy some of them, but since they are getting along so well, I thought I would enjoy them a couple of more weeks!

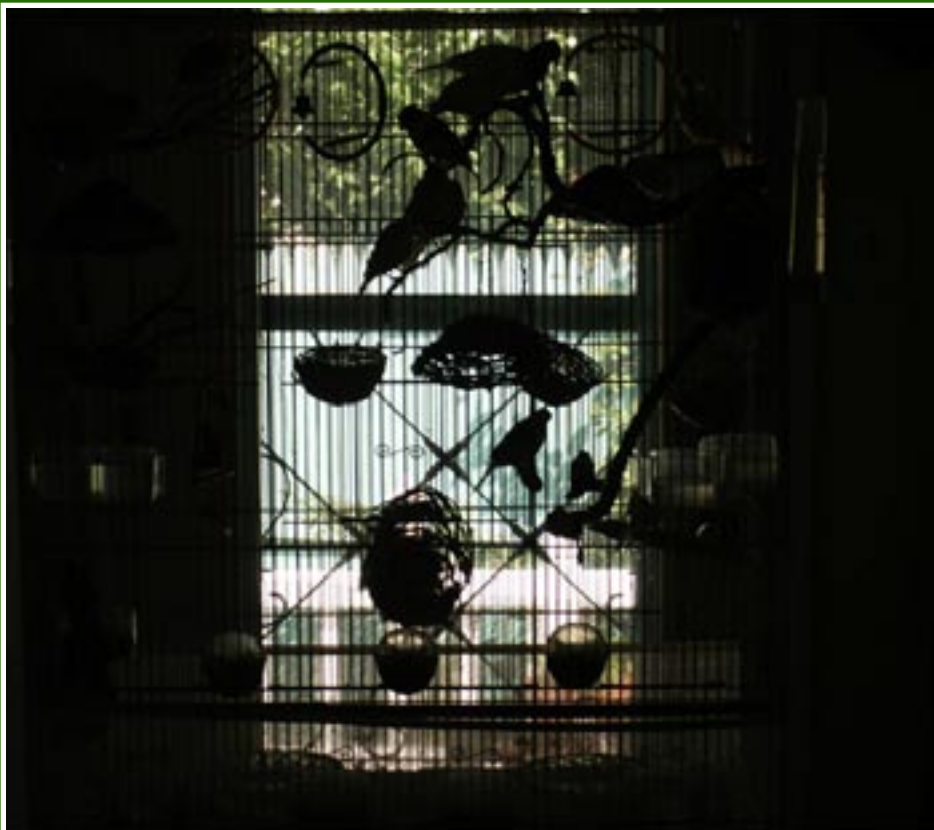
This photo is unusual because it only shows one-third of the cage! The way the light was reflecting from the back door, it made the cage show up this way. I think it is so pretty. My house is filled with beautiful music much of the day..

I have been running around like a crazed person this week trying to get



all of my errands done since this is the last week of vacation for me... yard work, working on the garden, canning vegetables, shampooing carpets, replenishing and rearranging the shop, Oliver to the vet, lawn mower to the shop, fixing a toilet, even doing some real computer work so there will not be so much facing me when I go back next week.

There was also lots of time for friends and family. Jeremy ended up staying over most of the weekend which was nice. Jessica, Ricky, Edie (Ricky's mother), and I went to a concert, and there was still plenty of time left for some girlfriend time!



The Follies will be rather short this week since there is still much to do. Those of you on Facebook have already seen most of the photos from the concert, anyway. I am amazed that so many of you are on there now. Fun, isn't it?

Anyway, here are some of the pretty flowers from my yard and on the next page are the photos from the Willie Nelson, John Mellencamp, and Bob Dylan concert at Harbor Park on Saturday night.

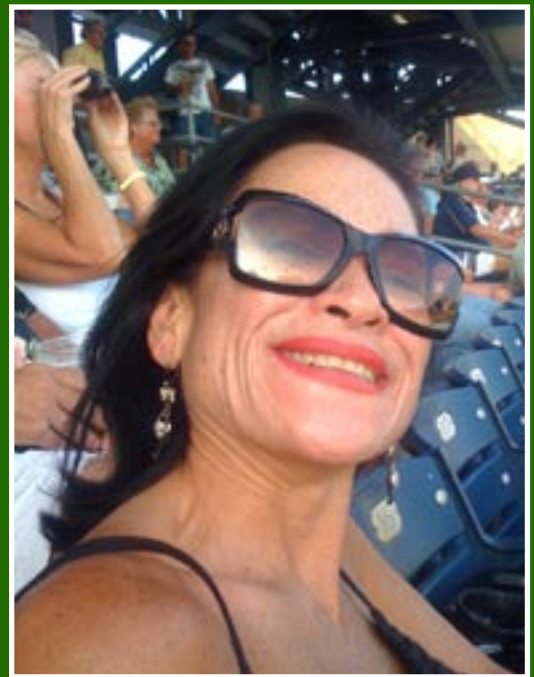


It was an awesome summer night - only in the 70s with a nice breeze off the water. It was the first time in years that Harbor Park has been used for a concert and it was a perfect venue. You could go down and listen to the music up close, or you could go in the stands and enjoy your food and drinks with your feet propped up. That worked out well since Jessica tires easily these days. In fact, we stayed for Willie and John and only for a few of Dylan's songs. My friend, Beth, was in



charge of the production and she was very nervous about it since it was the first outdoor concert she had ever coordinated. She was pleased.

Oh, and last week I think I told you about it but that I was not going to spring for \$70 tickets right now. I did not have to. Someone from a radio station had given Edie tickets and she shared! Very cool! Made it even more fun! If the photos look a bit fuzzy, it is because they would not allow cameras. Everyone was taking photos with their cell phones! HAHAHA!





I am sure that was because Bob Dylan (and Willie) *have* to be in their mid-seventies! I wouldn't want a camera in my face, either!



Some really exciting news this week! I have known for a couple of weeks, but needed to wait for the official word. My good friends down the street are adopting two little girls (one is 3 and one is 6) from Ethiopia!!!

They are flying to Ethiopia in the next few weeks to pick the girls up and there is a shower for them on August 13th! How excited would you be? I am so very thrilled for them! I have known since New Year's Day that they were trying, but there is always so much red tape.

I have often thought about doing the exact same thing - I mean, I am so *blessed* - but I am afraid that being single and also the hearing loss would be a real problem. I am tempted to look into it, though.

Regardless, I am so happy for Mike and Terri! Those two young girls will have a wonderful, wonderful, loving home!





Lots happening in the next week, so I will write again as soon as I can!

Hope your summer is super!

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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!