



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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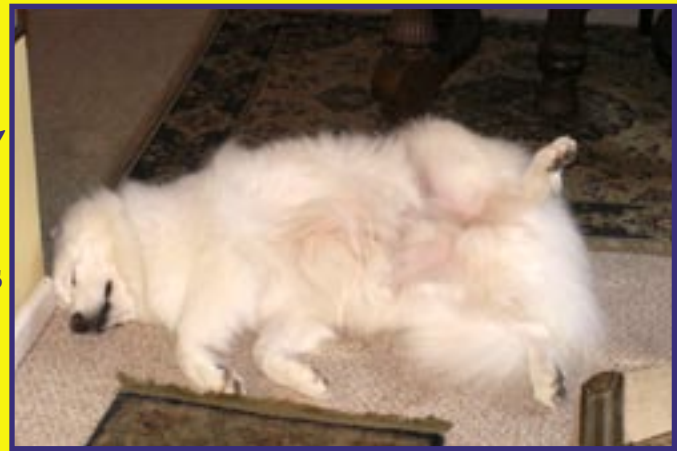
The cover shot this week is my sweet Oliver taking a very comfortable nap! He had just been to the groomer and was so tired and happy to be home that he just splayed out all over the floor and slept like that for an hour! I laughed so hard! Isn't he hilarious! I love my Ollie!



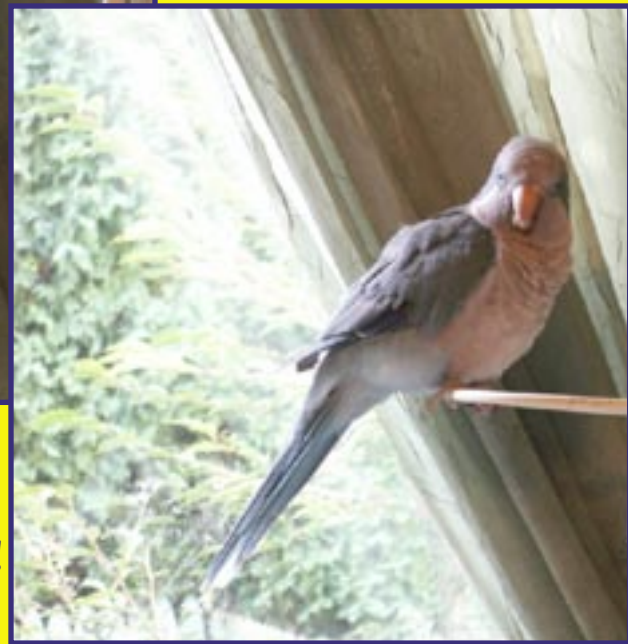
I know I have not written in a couple of weeks, but there have just been too many "things" going on. These Friday Follies will also be short as there just is not much time right now to write. I have missed hearing from so many of you, though.



Back at work and the new boss is awesome! I can already tell it is going to be a MUCH better year. The whole department is smiling! That is as it should be, for Heaven's sake! No one is afraid of hard work, but it should be fun in order to be truly productive. That is my belief, anyway, and it is truly fun again!



The antique mall is going gang-busters! I was a bit worried at the beginning of this month. It was so hot and no one seemed to be shopping much. Then last weekend with the Open House and all, it really took off and the darn booth has almost paid for itself already this month! I am told that sales get much better in the September-December time frame. I had not planned on keeping it that long, but, heck! We will see! I even had to replenish!



The Farmer's market is OK, too, but honestly, I was so slammed all weekend that I never got back out there to talk with the other three stores! I know that was a mistake, but hey! There are only so many hours in a day/weekend! I plan to head out there first this weekend. You see, now I am actually working seven days a week! Not sure how long I will be able to keep that up... or want to. But if all these little projects start generating some nice, extra cash -- I can do it indefinitely, ya know? Ya do what you have to do! :-)

I wanted to include these photos of BoBo this week. Isn't he pretty? Such a sweet, sweet bird. And yes, I still have all 14 canaries. The pet store only wanted the males, and I just could not do that. Maybe down the road, but they are the ones that sing!!! Will check out some other pet stores this week.

Went to several nice events last week and a few more planned for this week. Our back-to-school party with all of the faculty, administrators, and Trustees is this week, too.

My favorite this past week, though, was the shower for my friend who is adopting two little sisters, Nebyat (6) and Jetu (3) from Ethiopia! It was very nice, indeed. Everyone brought favorite books and came prepared with a little story to tell about why the book meant so much to them. There were also bed-time toys, pajamas, bath supplies, etc. Just real sweet. Terri is also taking contributions to the orphanage when she goes. The donations will help build another wing for the orphanage and a playground. One thing about overseas adoptions, though, you have to be prepared for road blocks. They were supposed to go this Saturday and now their plans have been pushed back at least a week. Our government, not Ethiopia. It will work out soon, though. Prayers!

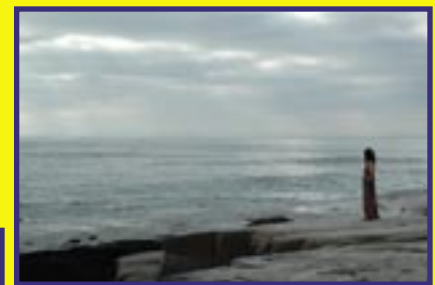




Jessica and Ricky are celebrating their second anniversary this week in California. They went out for a friend's wedding and it sounds like they are having a blast. They have many friends out there, so they are catching up with many of them, too.



The top two photos just crack me up! One of Jessica's friends lives in LA now and she sent these photos recently. Jess and Alison used to dress up in work-out gear and do exercise videos! Hahaha! They both have on "big-girl panties" under their thongs! HILARIOUS! Girls are so much fun! Hey, maybe it will be a grand daughter!



I think I have decided on a grandma name... I love to watch The Housewives



of Atlanta." One of my favorites on the show is NeNe. I am thinking NeNe will be my grandma name! What do you think? I still have until February to decide. Thanks for all of the suggestions. Keep them coming!

Jeremy has been by numerous times these past two weeks and is doing so well. I have seen many, many good friends and have had many nice evenings out. Thanks!

Other than that, I have just been working, cooking, canning, painting, doing yard work, and staying fairly close to home. Just lots going on.

At one of the parties this weekend, guests have been asked to bring an appetizer that represents where they are from. I am taking FIGS, of course. Probably one of the following recipes. (If you like figs and summer recipes, there are pages and pages of free recipes on my website. Check them out!)



Figs Wrapped in Bacon

- 6 thin slices bacon
- 3 oz. Goat cheese
- 1 Tbs fresh rosemary, chopped
- 12 small ripe figs

Partially cook bacon in microwave for about 3 minutes. Blot with paper towels, and cut in half. Mix goat cheese and rosemary. Slice figs in half lengthwise. Place 1/2 teaspoon goat cheese mixture between fig halves, and wrap with bacon. Secure with toothpicks. Grill, watching carefully so bacon doesn't flame up, until bacon is crispy.

Blue Cheese Stuffed Figs

- 20 Fresh figs
- 1 (12 oz.) carton soft cream cheese
- 4 oz. Blue or Gorgonzola cheese
- 20 Pecan halves

Snip stems from figs. Snip deep crosses into each fig. In a food processor, combine cream cheese and Blue cheese. Using a pastry tube or wet spoon, fill the center of each fig with cheese mixture. Stand one pecan half on end in the center of each. Chill and serve cold.

Have a great week, y'all!

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.
Grow in peace and wisdom.
Your Friday Friend,



Judi Godsey

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!