

A close-up photograph of a brick wall. The bricks are reddish-brown with some weathering and mortar visible between them. The text 'FRIDAY FOLLIES' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image. Below it, the date 'October 12, 2007' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The lighting is bright, creating shadows on the bricks.

FRIDAY

FOLLIES

October 12, 2007

Hey! October 12, 2007

How are you? Finally, the weather is starting to change just a bit. Man, it has been unbelievable! Nice, but hot, and as dry as I can ever remember it. So glad to see a few clouds this week and some rain - even though it has just been drizzle.

Well, I finished the color and detail on the “twin mountain” paintings. I am really pleased with them. It is hard to tell here, but the detail is starting to get better in my paintings. And I had time to start two more. One was this silly little ghost (painted just for fun) who is far from finished... just blocked in at the moment... and this fall water scene. It is drying for a couple of days, but then I plan to add lots of orange and yellow dried leaves and a couple of small, distant sail boats in the background. I am pretty pleased with them. I know I have a lot to learn, but it sure is fun learning!



Lots of productive and fun time this past week and weekend!

I got to see many friends I have not seen in ions! Went to a party last Saturday night (missed seeing you Julie and wish you could have been there, Drew...), but it was great to catch up with so many old friends. Afterwards, I met Jimmy at a local hot spot. That was fun. Actually ran into several friends at the restaurant that I had not seen in a year! Then, later, stopped in at The Jewish Mother where they had just held a Battle of the Bands. I missed the whole thing! Ha! Just a nice, nice evening.

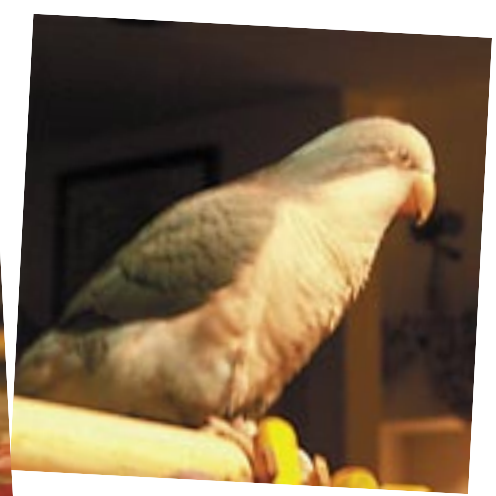
I was down and out for two days with a sinus infection, but used that time (when I felt like sitting up!) learning how to post a movie on YouTube. I am not kidding! It was hilarious! I made a short clip of BoBo taking a bath and then just started exploring YouTube and figured out how to post a movie. (It



was not hard... at all!) Anyway, I had so much fun with it and asked a couple of friends and family to look it up on YouTube and rate it, comment, and mark it as their favorite. They didn't, of course. I simply wanted to see how it all works. If you get a wild hair and want to try it - go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAUMW8kKJ-g> and watch and rate it. Only good comments, please! I swear, it is so stupid, but after watching YouTube for a couple of years, it doesn't bother me a bit in the world. Some of the stuff on there is so ridiculous! You will have to excuse my silly "Bird Voice" while I coax BoBo to go back to bathing. It really is amazingly silly, but it was fun learning. You know I like that! I predict I will try something else - (smile).

I will say this, though... I find YouTube to be the most fascinating thing in the world. I could easily get addicted to it! I prefer it to TV... honestly! In just a few short minutes, you can view images from around the world that were posted moments before - from all different cultures and languages and such. One thing I like, sincerely, is the Pet &



Two new baby
Canaries and two
new hatchlings....
Man! Population
explosion around
here!



Animal category because no matter where you live on this planet - no matter what language you speak - it is all the same... Folks in China show videos of their bird bathing, too... Ha! I love it! Try it! Search for almost anything, and it is there - many times over. Really interesting.

On the previous page I showed you photos of my four NEW BABY Canaries! Can you believe it! I gave two away, and now have fourteen! As soon as these are mature, I am giving some birds away! Merry Christmas!

It is Mid-October and I am still bringing in buckets full of tomatoes, egg-plants, peppers, and even FIGS! What is with this weather? I thought I would include a couple of photos of a corner of my pantry this year and the overflow into the bottom of my coat closet! There is a "show" right after Thanksgiving that I am going to exhibit in to sell some paintings and some canned goods. I plan to even make some recipe books to go along with some of the canned goods if there is time. Whatever I still have after, I may just stick on my website for folks to order there. Fun, huh?





On the home front, Jeremy has gotten a job at the Westin at Town Center and starts his new job tomorrow. He had an OK job, but I knew it “was not him.” This should be good for him.

Jessica is mid-term in her student teaching and switches from third grade at one school to - I think - fifth grade at another next week. She has never worked so hard in all of her life. Man, I remember student teaching for high school students! I was totally dumbfounded at how much work it was.

The iPhone is my iLove! I simply cannot tell you how phenomenal it has been - and it is a good phone, too (smile)! I honestly do not know when I have enjoyed anything as much as this little gadget. The world is truly at my fingertips.

Now, I just want to relay one little story to you that happened today and had a profound affect on me. I ran out at lunch to do a couple of errands - you know - the bank, post office, and the like. Well, right in the middle of a busy intersection here in Virginia Beach (Hilltop for those of you who live here), I was stopped at a red light. Sitting there waiting for the light to change, I noticed what appeared to be a homeless man in a wheelchair trying to get his chair up an incline. I swear, it seemed to happen in slow motion. He started up the incline - lost his grip - the chair started to roll backwards - he lost his balance - the chair turned over - he hit his shoulders and head hard on the concrete - then tumbled out onto the sidewalk - papers and “things” flying everywhere! The light changed, and before I could get to him, I noticed cars speeding by him. I am not exaggerating! I tried to turn in the parking lot to get off the busy street so I could help, and the way was blocked by someone trying to get out into the lane of traffic. Understand me here - this person



was sitting there looking at me - the man sprawled out on the sidewalk, paper flying everywhere, wheelchair upside down, was between us! This guy was so busy talking on his cell phone that he pretended not to notice! I waved my hand at him to “Get Out Of The Way!” He did. I pulled in, not even parking, threw the car in park, jumped out, set the wheelchair upright, and put on the brakes. I then ran over to help the man up and by that time someone else had stopped. The two of us never said a word to each other, but busily gather the man and his things and helped him into his chair. At one point, we made eye contact, but continued to talk with the man and make sure he was OK. He smelled awful! But that is not the point. Homeless man or a millionaire - would it have made a difference? People actually rode by this man and never stopped to help! What? Were they afraid of being late for a lunch date? Afraid of being late getting back to the office? I could not believe it. As I was climbing back into my car, the other gentleman driving off, the man in the wheelchair situating himself and propelling himself onward with one foot, I noticed that his sun glasses were left on the pavement behind him. Once again, I threw the car in park and ran to retrieve them. The gentleman who had stopped to help, tooted his horn, smiled, and gave me a “thumbs up.” That was the only communication the two of us had the entire time. The man in the chair, reached out to get his glasses, smiled up at me, and held onto my hand for a second as if to say thank you. I do not think he could even talk. But his eyes said it all. As I drove off, I simply wept! What is wrong with us? I am not a Samaritan. I am not writing this to make myself look or feel good. I am truly and honestly perplexed. Has something changed? Was I “out to lunch” when it did? All I know is, I got two smiles today at lunch that I will remember for the rest of my life... God Bless... Please pray for our troops...



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, 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

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!