

FRIDAY FOLLIES

December 13, 2002

Hey!

Well, another week closer to Christmas, and I am **STILL** just as far behind. It seems the more I decorate and shop and “fluff,” the more there is to do! And I can tell you right now, I’m not getting any help, either. The neighbor-



hood “lights” competition begins this week, and JP is so preoccupied, it is unreal! He tosses and turns at night worrying about what he can do to retain his **FIRST PLACE** title from last year. (I am not making this up!)

He thought he had it made because we not only have the lights from last year, but as I said last week, our neighbor moved and sold JP boxes and boxes of additional lights. Then I made the idiotic comment that, “Ya know, Hon, they probably want to ‘share the love’ and give First Prize to someone else this year.”

Oh boy! Was that the wrong thing to say. Now he really can’t sleep.



Adding fuel to the fire - - two nights ago we were coming home from an event, and we passed the house that came in second place last year. (“The Loser’s” house as JP likes to refer to it.) I am telling you, “The Loser” has the same disease that JP has! “The Loser” has added tons more lights to his house this year! Now JP is sweating it because he thinks “The Loser” is going to win this year. He keeps complaining, “It isn’t fair! We have an acre and a half to decorate! He just has a yard.”

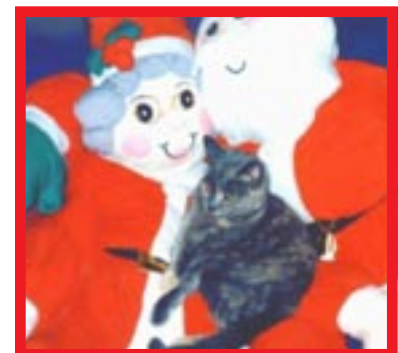


“Gandalf the White” as a pup in 1992.



Every night just as the sun sets and he rushes out to turn on the lights you can hear this, “Oh, no! The so-and-so is out!” and up on the roof, or back in the woods, or down to the dock he goes...grumbling all the way...HAHAHA...!

Here is a perfect example...It was after dark when I got home from work last night and raining cats and dogs. When I pulled in the driveway, there was JP in the rain stringing more lights. He was freaked out because he had blown a fuse or something, and he yelled that he was “running to the store for spares,” as we passed in the driveway. I ended up doing my first little bit of Christmas shopping with Jessica, and when I came home two and a half hours later.....half of the house and the entire front and side yards were completely dark. Even Mary and Joseph were in the dark!





It was hilarious! He was frantic- - and wet - - and tired, bless his heart, but before bedtime, by golly, he had gotten everything working again!

I will let you know how we come out in the competition this year...all I know is that, once again, “I” should be given a MEDAL!

Busy weeks ahead. We have 50th birthday parties, office parties, Rotary parties, alumni parties, Republican parties, neighborhood parties, the actual coveted “Awards Ceremony,” my son comes home, and we are traveling to Mississippi. WHEW! That doesn’t even cover Christmas, New Year’s, and our annual client party!

Complain, complain - - but you know I love it. Here is a prayer I meant to send you over Thanksgiving and forgot. I try to remember it during these hectic but special times.



*Oh, heavenly Father,
We thank thee for food and remember the hungry.
We thank thee for friends and remember the friendless.
We thank thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.
May these remembrances stir us to service,
That thy gifts to us may be used for others.
Amen.*



Well, the month of December’s Friday Follies contain nothing but Holiday Jokes. I hope you enjoy them. Some are very old, and some are new, but with all of the other things going on in our lives right now, there is not much time to

come up with original Follies. Still, I hope these bring a smile to your face.

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, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, Washington D.C., Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, New York, or Europe, have a wonderful Holiday Season. It has been a JOY hearing from ALL of you this year.

God bless.

Remember, life is short...we need to make it a good one.

Grow in peace and wisdom.

Your Friday Friend,



Jeremy and Jessica - Christmas Day 2000



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PS. NOTE OF CAUTION... 20 employees were fired from The New York Times here in Norfolk for sending lewd and indecent e-mails. (To my knowledge, none of the 20 were on our 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 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 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!